



## FOUNTAIN MAINTENANCE

### **Refilling water reservoir:**

Depending on the wind and sun conditions you should refill the fountain catch basin every 4 to 7 days. The fountain will show signs such as air bubbles flowing from the top of the fountain, noisy pump, and low water pressure when the fountain needs water. The easiest way to refill the catch basin is by dropping a garden hose near the base of the fountain for 5 to 10 minutes. Check beneath the pebbles to verify the water level.

### **Cleaning the pump:**

The pump may need to be cleaned once a week for the 1<sup>st</sup> month if there is suspended dirt or debris in the water among the initial fill up of the basin. Then be sure to check on the pump once a month. Clean the pump by lifting the trap door in the metal grate and scraping any debris from the outside of the filter. Throw away debris. Signs that the pump needs cleaned are: pump not turning on, low water pressure, noisy pump, dirty looking water.

### **Winterizing the fountain:**

You may keep your fountain running through the winter in most climates by placing a birdbath or stock tank heater in the water basin beneath the fountain (be certain to hang the heater from the grate off the liner bottom). To run the fountain without a heater installed, you will need to monitor weather conditions and decide when to turn off the fountain. The fountain may continue to run even when ice forms on the outside of the stone. As long as the pump has some amount of water to run with, it will not overheat. Any water flowing over the stone, even under ice is an indicator that it is functioning fine. You may add hot water to the top of the fountain and to the catch basin to restart after a freeze.