

# Disappearing Fountains

A Disappearing Fountain is a great way to add the sound of water to your garden! You can create them using just about anything as your favorite fountain piece, then finish it off with the covering of your choice. Traditional fountain pieces include pots, statues, fountains or waterfalls.

## **How it Works:**

Water is pumped from a hidden reservoir buried in the ground through a fountain piece and then seemingly disappears into the ground. Make a simple connection using flexible hose and you're done. Water flows through the fountain piece of your choice and back down. Installation is easy using the pre-mold reservoir.

## **Benefits:**

Disappearing Fountains are safe for children because there is no open water. They'll also provide water for pets and wildlife. Install on one near a patio or along the front entrance of your home to create a cooling effect.

Disappearing Fountain reservoirs come in 3 easy-to-install sizes. Larger reservoirs are recommended because they hold more water and allow for larger pumps with a higher flow rate. Larger reservoirs also give you room for additional pots, statuary, etc. in your Disappearing Fountain. The possibilities are endless.

## **Feature Piece Choices:**

Granite and Basalt pieces will last forever. Mexican Urns are unglazed, come in earth tones, and have a 1 to 5 year life expectancy. Glazed Pots and Cast Stone Statuary come in numerous sizes and shapes, in a wide range of colors and have a 20+ year life expectancy.

## **Installation:**

1. First dig your hole about 14" deep and fill the bottom with 1" of sand
2. Place the reservoir in the excavation and level
3. Backfill soil around the box, packing in firmly
4. Cut a 1-1/2' x 2' piece from the corner of one of the grates, this becomes the trapdoor for pump maintenance
5. Place 2 to 3 cinderblocks (depending on the piece) in the middle. For light pieces place the grating on top of the cinder blocks. Heavy pieces require several cinderblocks and must sit directly on the blocks, with the grate cut away to go around the piece. Extremely heavy pieces require a concrete pad poured under the reservoir to prevent settling of the feature piece.
6. Place the mesh over the grating, cut a hole in the mesh for the tubing
7. Connect the tubing to the piece (leave a fairly long piece of tubing exiting the fountain)
8. Pots that hold a large volume of water will need a stand pipe connected to the tubing inside the piece to prevent the water from flooding out when the pump is turned off
9. Next place the pump inside the box, we recommend using a Cal Screen on the intake of the pump to protect the intake of the pump
10. Thread the tubing through the cracks of the grating and slowly lower the piece into place. Be sure to first connect the tubing to the piece and then to the pump, not the other way around. We also recommend installing a valve on all pumps to control the flow of the water coming out of the piece to match your expectations.
11. Connect the tubing to the pump and clamp
12. Next, put the decorative topping, beach pebbles, slate chips, pea gravel, etc. on top of the grating and mesh around the piece
13. Turn on the pump and enjoy.

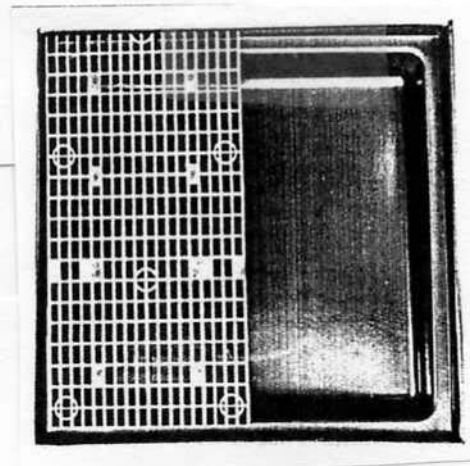
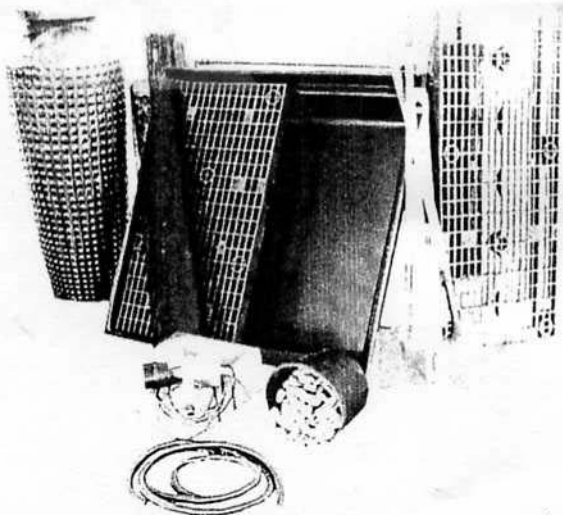


**Choose the right reservoir**

1. Although you may be tempted to opt for a smaller reservoir due to space, labor and cost considerations, there are some good reasons to go with a larger reservoir.
2. The larger the reservoir the greater volume of water it can hold and the less often you need to re-fill it.
3. Tall pieces 4' or higher need a bigger box, water droplets have farther to fall and thus tend to splash out of the reservoir boundaries.
4. Larger reservoirs give you the opportunity to add additional pieces to your fountain display.
5. Larger reservoirs allow for a greater water flow creating more water "music".

Available in 3 Sizes  
 All reservoirs include the Reinforced Plastic Grating and 1/4" Plastic Mesh

Size	Price
2' x 2'	
3' x 3'	
4' x 4'	



Decorative Pot, Statue, Fountain or Waterfall

PVC pipe gives you the plume of water at the top, while keeping the feature full of water

Reinforced Plastic Grating with Netting over the top

Rock topping

Reinforced Plastic Disappearing Fountain Reservoir

Pump

Cinder Blocks to support weight of fountain

Flexible Tubing

