

**A sincere, “Thank you!” for investing in an Admiral Lake and Pond product. We very much appreciate the confidence that you have placed in us by making this purchase.**

Your Admiral fountain will provide years of dependable service and enjoyment provided that it is properly cared for. To ensure its longevity and keep it within warranty guidelines requires minimal effort on your part. Below, we will explain how to do so as well as provide owner tips, recommended setup options, and more.

**Transporting:** The Admiral Fountain is a heavy piece of equipment. The proper way to carry it is by grasping the bottom of the motor with one hand and cradling the float in your other arm. Do not carry the fountain by grasping the nozzle, light kit, electrical cords, or float. None of these parts of the fountain are designed to serve as “handles,” and attempts to use them as such will not end well. If transporting the fountain and the electrical cord(s) together, it is recommended that a wheelbarrow or similar be used, or have a second person coil up and carry the cord(s) while another carries the fountain.

**Fountain Placement:** First, it’s important to decide on the best place to put the fountain. Besides the best viewing angle, you will also want to consider ease of retrieval, water depth and prevailing wind. If you will be using your fountain in a body of water that has poor water clarity, you will likely need to retrieve it periodically to clean the filter. If you don’t want to get wet for this task, it is best to do shoreline tethers in order to pull the fountain in periodically.

**Anchoring:** There are several ways to anchor your Admiral fountain. The shoreline anchoring method is ideal for smaller bodies of water, such as small ponds. It consists of: connecting two retrieval lines, one to each of

the pump's "ears," and running one line each to opposing shorelines (making sure that at least one of the two retrieval lines is twice as long as the distance from shore to the fountain so that you can pull the fountain back into position). Tie each line to a stake or similar and be sure that they are firmly placed. NOTE: Extra line (that sinks!) should be added if people, boats, or anything else will be moving through the area so as not to get entangled. Please take this into account when making your line calculations.

For larger bodies of water with a dock, staking one line at the shoreline and the other to the dock might be an option. Remember to take into account the extra line that will be needed for sinking as well as extra line for at least one of the two retrieval lines (again, these should be at least twice as long as the distance from the stake to the fountain). Make sure not to use the pump or the lighting kit's electrical cords as retrieval lines!

For lakes and deeper bodies of water without a dock, there is a stainless-steel eye bolt screwed into the bottom of the Admiral's float that can be used to run line to a cinder block or another type of anchor. Be sure to leave a fair amount of slack in the anchor line. This will serve to anchor more effectively as well as keep the fountain from constantly tugging and straining the anchor line.

Finally, for very shallow water applications, the Admiral Fountain offers a unique advantage. Unlike most fountains that have their water intake located on the bottom of the pump, the Admiral Fountain has a side intake so it can be used in very shallow water - as little as 2 feet - or even shallower if the bottom of the motor is sunk several inches into the lake/pond bottom. This can be done without problem so long as there is enough water depth to keep the fountain / float upright and not falling over.

**Electrical:** It is imperative that you use a GFI outlet. If your Admiral Fountain does not start, unplug it and check that the GFI is not tripped and/or that the switch has not tripped at the main panel. If your GFI trips with regularity, it could be that the GFI is in need of replacement or that the outlet is not supplying the full 110 or 220 volts. We have witnessed on several occasions where old cabins and DIY electrical work done in years past may have worked fine for dock lights, etc. but is not up to the task of

much more than that. If in doubt, use of a voltmeter can establish that your outlet is, in fact, putting out the ascribed 110 or 220 volts.

**Maintenance and Care:** The most important factor to keep in mind is that, though your fountain comes equipped with a thermal shut-down feature, it relies upon unimpeded water flow - not only to provide the best display possible - but also to also keep the motor cool. It is important during seasonal algae blooms to make sure your filter pads are cleaned regularly. NOTE: If your pond or lake is prone to poor water conditions, you may want to consider opting for our Mega Filter. The Mega Filter offers a much greater surface area for enhanced filtration effectiveness in all but the very worst of water quality conditions.

It is important that your fountain be stored in an above-freezing area over the winter. Once removed from the water, it is also a good idea to spray a few doses of WD-40 or other similar spray lubricant into the pump intake while running the pump for approx. 15 seconds. This will help to displace water and lubricate the bearings.

If you have any questions, suggestions, or feedback, please don't hesitate to give us a call (952-401-3792). Customer satisfaction is our top priority!

