

BIRDBATH FAQ

Q. What size birdbath should I get?

A. The answer depends on the type of birds you are trying to attract. The bigger around the birdbath is, the more birds it can accommodate at the same time. A shallow bath will attract smaller birds but discourage larger ones while a deeper bath will have the opposite effect.

Q. What kind of maintenance will it need?

A. A full water change with a quick brushing twice a week should be enough, depending on your environment. A water change will give the birds fresh clean water and will rinse out droppings and other debris that fouls the water. Using a soft bristle brush during the water change will help break any debris loose and also help remove and prevent any algae buildup.

Q. Will I have to worry about predators?

A. Yes. Be sure to place your new birdbath away from places that could conceal a predator. Birds are always watching their surroundings and having clear space between the bath and any nearby trees or bushes will give them time to see a predator coming.

Q. Will I have a problem with mosquitoes?

A. If you do a regular water change you will prevent mosquitoes from using your birdbath as a breeding ground.

Q. Can I leave my birdbath out during winter?

A. Yes, but you must decide if you want birds to be able to use it. Birds still need fresh water in winter and will be glad if you provide a place to find it. To do this, a birdbath heater/de-icer with an automatic thermostat will be required. If you don't want to maintain the birdbath throughout winter you will need to drain, dry and cover the bowl prior to the first hard freeze. Place an object in the bowl to act as a tent pole, so the cover is peaked in the middle; this way, the rain and snow will run off.

Q. Can children or pets knock the birdbath over?

A. Yes. Care should be taken when installing a birdbath where children or large pets can run into or climb on it. The birdbath bowl should be securely attached to its base and the base attached to a footing with construction adhesive or epoxy. This will help reduce, but not eliminate, the risk of a child or pet knocking the birdbath over and hurting them or damaging the birdbath.