5 THINGS YOU MUST KNOW!

ABOUT THE LEAK IN YOUR POND

(#3 WILL SHOCK YOU)

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#1 WATERPROOFING PAINTS <u>WILL</u> FAIL!

CONCRETE IS PORUS!

WATERPROOFING SHOULDN'T JUST BE DONE ON THE INSIDE OF THE POND.

MOISTURE FROM OUTSIDE THE POND WILL TRAVEL TO BEHIND THE MEMBRANE (ESPECIALLY IF IT'S INGROUND) CAUSING THE WATERPROOFING TO BUBBLE AND RUPTURE.



AUSTRALIA SHIFTS 7CM EVERY YEAR!

POND SURFACES OFTEN EXPAND AND CONTRACT DUE TO TEMPERATURE CHANGES. MOST PAINTS LACK FLEXIBILITY, SO THEY CRACK OR PEEL WHEN THE CONCRETE MOVES EVEN SLIGHTLY.

ONCE THAT HAPPENS, PATCHING CONCRETE WITH MORE CONCRETE IS NO BETTER THAN PUTTING ON A BANDAID.



#2 IS YOUR LINER <u>ACTUALLY</u> PUNCTURED?

DON'T ASSUME IT'S THE LINER!

THROUGH OUR EXPERIENCE 9 TIMES OUT OF 10 THERE ACTUALLY ISN'T A PROBLEM WITH THE LINER.

UNRELATED LEAKS COULD INCLUDE:

- UNDERGROUND POND PLUMBING TO A FILTER OR WATER FEATURE
- SPLASHING FROM A WATER FEATURE OUTSIDE THE POND LINING
- EVAPORATION
- TREE OR PLANT ROOTS TRAILING INTO THE POND

COULD ALL BE THE CAUSE OF WHY YOUR POND LEVEL IS DROPPING.

OUR ADVICE:

STEP 1:

START BY TURNING OFF ANY PUMPS OR FILTER SYSTEMS

STEP 2:

TOP THE POND UP GRADUALLY.
(IF YOU HAVE FISH BE CAREFUL **NOT** TO USE CHLORINATED WATER)

STEP 3:

CREATE A MENTAL IMAGE OR USE A SPECIFIC LAND MARK TO PINPOINT WHERE YOU HAVE FILLED THE POND UP TO, AND WAIT 24 HOURS.

STEP 4:

IF THE POND IS LEAKING THEN <u>LET IT DROP!</u> THIS WILL MAKE FINDING A PUNCTURE MUCH EASIER. IF YOU HAVE FISH DO NOT LET IT DROP DOWN TO LESS THAN 20% OF THE POND VOLUME.

STEP 5:

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#3 COULD INSTALLING A POND VOID YOUR HOME INSURANCE?

WHEN A POND LEAK MIGHT BE COVERED

HOME INSURANCE MAY COVER DAMAGE CAUSED BY A POND LEAK IF:

- THE LEAK WAS SUDDEN AND ACCIDENTAL.
- THE LEAK CAUSED DAMAGE TO INSURED PROPERTY (E.G., FLOODING YOUR BASEMENT OR AFFECTING FOUNDATIONS).
- THE POND IS A DECLARED STRUCTURE ON YOUR POLICY.

WHEN A LEAK COULD VOID COVERAGE

INSURANCE CLAIMS COULD BE **DENIED** IF:

- THE POND WAS NOT DISCLOSED TO THE INSURER WHEN THE POLICY WAS SET UP.
- THE POND WAS INSTALLED IMPROPERLY OR NOT MAINTAINED.
- THE LEAK CAUSED DAMAGE DUE TO NEGLECT, KNOWN WEAR THAT WASN'T REPAIRED.
- LOCAL BUILDING CODES WERE VIOLATED (E.G., PROXIMITY TO STRUCTURES, OVERFLOW MANAGEMENT).
- A POND THAT IS DEEPER THAN 30CM WITHOUT A PERMIT (VICTORIA REGULATIONS).

#4 WHAT THE <u>HECK</u> IS FIBREGLASS?

FIBREGLASSING A POND IS <u>THE BEST</u> LONG TERM LINING SOLUTION

HERE'S WHY:

EXTREMELY DURABLE

- FIBREGLASS PONDS CAN LAST 20-30+ YEARS WITH MINIMAL DEGRADATION.
- UNLIKE LINERS (WHICH CAN TEAR, PUNCTURE, OR DEGRADE UNDER UV), FIBREGLASS RESISTS WEAR, IMPACT, AND WEATHER EXTREMES.

LOW MAINTENANCE

- THE SURFACE IS NON-POROUS AND ALGAE-RESISTANT, SO IT'S EASIER TO CLEAN. EVERY TIME IT'S CLEANED IT LOOKS **BRAND NEW!**
- NO WRINKLES OR FOLDS THAT TRAP DEBRIS OR CREATE ANAEROBIC ZONES (COMMON IN LINERS).
- STABLE UNDER WATER FEATURES OR ANIMAL ACTIVITY (E.G., BIRDS, DOGS, ETC.)

CAN BE REPAIRED OR RECOATED

 IF DAMAGED, FIBREGLASS CAN BE PATCHED AND RE-GELLED WITHOUT REPLACING THE ENTIRE POND.



#5 GIVE US A CALL <u>NOW!</u>



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