



Bird Hints and Tips

BIRD BATH MAINTENANCE

Water brings a great variety of birds to the garden, and, since birds use birdbaths for drinking and bathing, it is important to keep the water clean and free of chemicals. During the height of the summer, it may be necessary to check the water in the birdbath daily to insure that it is clean and plentiful. If your birdbath is near a feeder, you need to be sure to clean it often since bacteria may form on any seed shells that may fall in the water.

In most cases, you can use the strong flow of water from the garden hose to clean and refill them. At Wing Haven we swish the baths with a brush before refilling them with clean water. If it's necessary to use something stronger, you may clean the bath with a clorox solution (10:1 water to clorox); however, be sure to rinse the bath thoroughly.

Don't forget to keep your feeders clean, too. The 10% clorox solution works well for feeders. Or, try putting hummingbird feeders and other small feeders in the dishwasher on a light cycle.