

ADVERTISING FEATURE

## LAWN AND GARDEN

# Water gardens can add beauty to any garden

*Simple to install and easy to maintain, the gardens can suit any budget and any sized yard*

Would you like to spend a little less time getting your hands dirty this summer, but still enjoy the pleasures of gardening?

Then consider building a water pond, a creative alternative to the average garden.

Whether they're long and narrow, oval, round, free-form or raised to fit into a deck or patio, the popular ponds are making a big splash with do-it-yourselfers because they fit into just about any budget.

The water garden is really nothing more than a man-made pond with a liner to contain the water, a pump to circulate it and a filter to aid in keeping it clean and clear.

A small goldfish pond can be built in about a half day and cost under \$160, while a larger garden with a waterfall may take an entire weekend to complete.

"Water gardens are the hottest landscape item on the market," said John Mansz, a Home Depot associate who helps customers design them.

"Whether you live in a condo or own 30 acres of land, you can build a water garden to



Water gardens are a great source of relaxation.

your specific taste."

Water gardens have become a great source of relaxation and a fun hobby as homeowners discover the rewards of building their own pond, Mansz said.

Here is his checklist for building a water garden.

### LOCATION

Choose a site with at least four hours of sunlight, preferably in the morning because midday rays encourage algae growth.

Select a level spot, protected from water runoff which may contain fertilizers or herbicides.

### SIZE

First draw your design on paper and then lay it out on the ground, using a garden hose to outline the shape.

Rubber and preform liners are available. If

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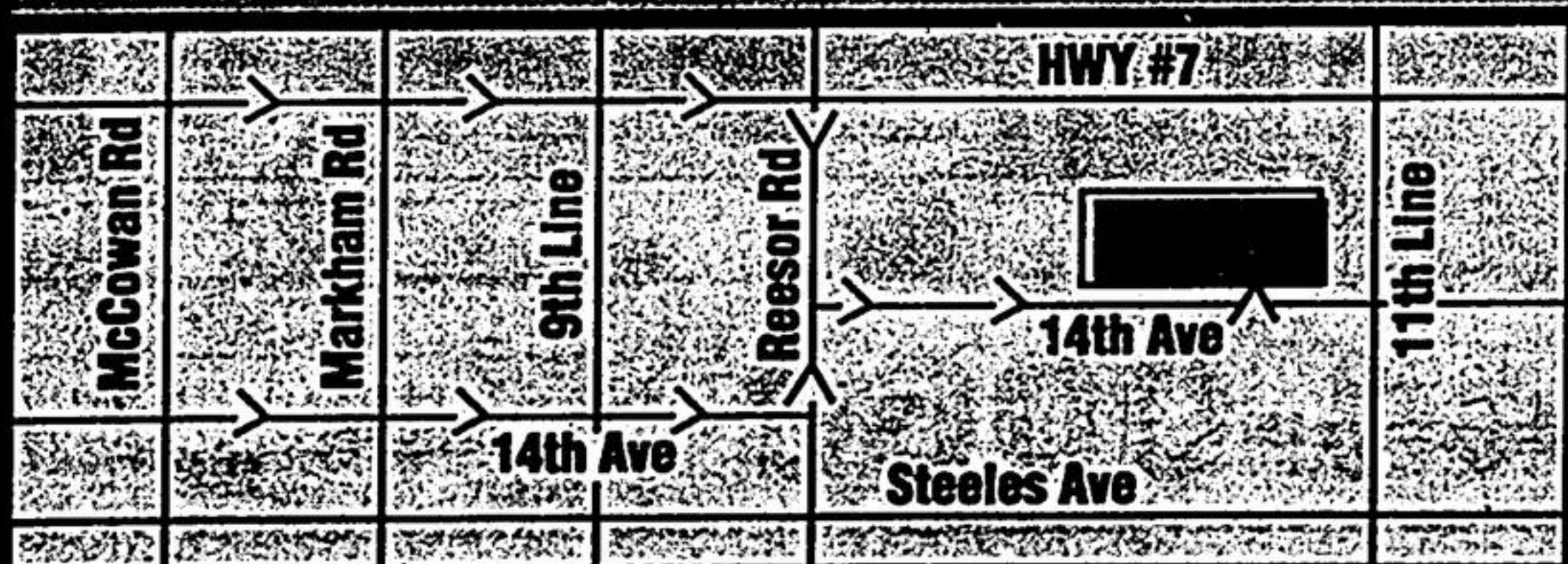
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