

Fountain & Statuary Care Guide

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A little care goes a long way. Follow these simple habits and your hand-cast concrete piece will look good and run strong for decades. And if you would rather not do any of this yourself, Chris offers maintenance visits too. Just call.

Everyday Care

- Keep the water topped up. Pumps burn out fast when they run dry, so check the level once a week in summer.
- Skim out leaves, seeds, and debris before they reach the pump intake.
- Let new concrete cure. For the first few weeks a new piece may shed a little lime dust. That is normal.

Pump Care

- Rinse the pump filter or sponge once a month during the running season.
- If the flow weakens, unplug the pump and clear the impeller. It usually takes five minutes.
- Never let the pump run dry. If you hear it rattle or hum loudly, top up the water or shut it off.

Cleaning

- Use a soft brush and water. For algae, add a splash of white vinegar or a capful of outdoor-safe fountain cleaner.
- Skip the pressure washer. It can strip the finish and open the surface of the concrete.
- Avoid bleach if birds or pets drink from the piece.

Winter Care (Important)

- Before the first hard freeze, drain all water from bowls and basins. Freezing water is the number one cause of cracks.
- Pull the pump, rinse it, and store it indoors in a bucket of water so the seals stay soft.
- Cover the piece or flip small bowls upside down so water cannot pool and freeze.

Finish Care

- Painted and stained finishes benefit from a fresh coat of exterior concrete sealer every 2 to 3 years.
- Small chips can be touched up. Save the finish name from your receipt and Chris can match it.

Maintenance & Repairs, Done For You

Chris handles maintenance as well as repairs: seasonal shutdown and spring start-up, pump swaps, deep cleaning, resealing, cracked or leaking bowls, and full refinishing in a new color. Most pieces can be brought back rather than replaced.

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