

OUTDOOR TURTLE POND SETUP GUIDE:

MATERIAL LIST

- A plastic pond liner.
- Sand to line the hole and bottom of the pond liner
- Logs and river rocks for basking
- A cave for resting or hiding
- Stones/gravels
- Vegetation
- Hose/bucket for water
- A dustpan

BUILDING THE TURTLE POND IN 10 EASY STEPS



Step 1: Mark And Clean The Location Of Turtle Pond Enclosure



Step 2: Dig The Land For The Fence



Step 3: Install The Pond Liner (Rigid And Rubber Liner)



Step 4: Add Sand Or River Rocks To The Bottom Of The Pond



Step 5: Fill Up The Pond With Water



Step 6: Install A Water Filter



Step 7: Add Some Rocks And Logs



Step 8: Place Some Plants



Step 9: Complete Building The Fence



Step 10: Cover The Turtle Enclosures



MATERIALS AND TOOLS FOR BUILDING THE FENCE

- 8 ft long treated landscaping wood planks
- 8 ft long 2-by-4 inches treated wood planks to build the fence
- 4 treated wood posts 2 to 3 ft long and 2-by-2 inches
- Net cover
- Box of nails/ screws
- Hammer
- Shovel
- Wheelbarrow
- Tape for measurement
- A level

THINGS TO CONSIDER BEFORE BUILDING THE POND



THE CLIMATE AND TURTLE SPECIES

If you have turtle species such as the map turtles, mud turtles, you can keep them in an outdoor pond even in winter. When the temperature goes under **50 degrees F**, the turtles will hibernate at the bottom of the pond. So, a part of the pond should be at least **3 feet deep** to let your turtles hibernate.

HOW DEEP SHOULD THE TURTLE POND BE?

Outdoor turtle ponds should be large and deep for multiple turtles. A large pond surface and live aquatic plants allow sufficient oxygenation for your turtles. However, it depends on how much space you have in your yard.

SUITABLE LOCATION OF THE POND

Enough sunlight for basking

Shaded place for retreat

Corner of the house

Beside a shading wall



HOW DO YOU BUILD A TURTLE POND ABOVE GROUND?

A large size plastic **150-gallon** or **300-gallon** turtle tub.

Two **4 x 4 ft** treated wood pallet boards to support and elevate the pond from the ground.

Some **8 ft** and **4 ft** long wood planks of the same thickness and width to create frame around the tub.

