

# MEL'S

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## CONCRETE CARE BIRDBATHS & FOUNTAINS

*To care for natural fountains or birdbaths and make them last for years to come, follow these simple steps.*

1. Treat your fountain or birdbath with a water sealer product at least once a year.
2. Always drain fountains. Remove pumps and either cover with heavy plastic or tear down and store during freezing weather. For birdbaths, remove tops and store during freezing weather.
3. Always put a concrete pad under your fountain to help keep it level and from sinking into the soil. If the soil freezes, so will your fountain. (This goes for any other items that are heavy, such as the bears).
4. To clean, use a little bleach in the water. Wash down and rinse with a hose.
5. Painted items should be covered in the winter or taken inside. This preserves your paint longer. Never use a spray nozzle or bleach on painted items. It could damage your paint. Use a soft sponge or cloth and the open end of a hose to wash down your painted item.
6. There is a 1 year warranty on all statuary against cracking and crumbling.