



Bubblers Add Distinctiveness to Any Landscape

Bubblers are a growing trend because they require less space and maintenance and still have the ability to provide homeowners with the same benefits of a traditional water feature, including both sound and visual appeal.

Bubblers can be a standalone water feature or paired with other decorative rocks to create very elegant formations that can be easily added to any landscape. The versatility in size and rock groupings allows the bubbler rock to complete your look many places, such as a front entry décor, in a courtyard, the center of a driveway, or anywhere in the backyard.

A bubbler rock consists of a natural rock that has a hole drilled through the middle big enough to fit a tube from the bottom to the top. Water from the reservoir enters the pump and travels through the tube and out the top of the rock to create a bubble fountain that cascades down the sides of the rock. This creates a waterfall that sends the water back into

the reservoir where the cycle can begin again.

As for the settings and base, bubbler rock and any other decorative rocks that may be in the grouping are mortared at the base to ensure stability. Bubbler rock may be designed to fit at the edge of a pond or pool or places in a pond-less gravel bed. Both of these options are displayed in the photos. The reservoir's size is directly related to the size of the pump that is being used. It needs to be deep enough to sustain the water pump and have it completely saturated in the water at all times. If the reservoir is not deep enough or if water has escaped the



reservoir, the pump will create an unpleasant humming noise.

In order to create a virtually maintenance-free water feature, an autofill system should be installed at the same time the bubbler rock feature is constructed. This system is connected to the irrigation mainline and is triggered to fill water in the reservoir when the waterline reaches a certain low point. This eliminates the responsibility of having to fill the reservoir with a garden hose at least once a month.

With the autofill system installed, the only maintenance required is the upkeep of the water pump. A water pump, on average, needs to be cleaned annually. If the pump needs to be cleaned before this, you will know because the fountain will not bubble high enough. If the water seems to be turning green, a water treatment program can be added to kill the algae.

A constant, soothing waterfall drowns out unwanted noise while adding extreme beau-



ty to your landscape. For more information on bubbler rock features, you can call Cascadian Landscapers, Inc. a full-service landscape construction company, at 503-647-9933 or visit their website at www.CascadianLandscapers.com □