Floating wetlands

Floating wetlands provide a low maintenance, easy to grow container garden that does not need to be watered.

Native wetland plants float in ponds, supported by a plastic and foam matrix. Their roots absorb excess nutrients in the water, reducing pollution, excessive weed growth, algae blooms and the potential for fish kills.

Floating wetlands provide habitat for fish, frogs, butterflies and songbirds; and beautify the community. They also can reduce wave action and cool water temperatures.

Maintenance is simple:
- Remove dead crowns in February and dispose of away from the pond
- Pull weeds by hand
- Never use pesticides or fertilizer
- Keep in water year-round

**Suitable Plants**

For best results, use perennial wetland plants that are native to South Carolina such as:

- Pickerelweed
- Arrowheads
- Arrow Arum
- Lizard's Tail
- Alligator Flag
- Golden Cannas
- White Star Sedge
- Pontederia cordata
- Sagittaria latifolia
- Sagittaria lancifolia
- Peltandra virginica
- Thalia geniculata*
- Canna flaccida*
- Dichromena colorata*
- Soft Rush
- Bulrush
- Louisiana Iris
- Blue Flag Iris
- Yellow Flag Iris
- Spider Lily
- Mallow Hibiscus
- Swamp Sunflower
- Juncus effuses
- Scirpus spp.*
- Iris (hexagonae group)
- Iris virginica
- Iris pseudocoris
- Hymenocallis palmeri
- Hibiscus moscheutos*
- Helianthus angustifolius*
- Cardinal Flower
- Bog Lily
- River Oats
- Virginia Sweetspike
- Carolina Bacopa
- Shade Mudflower
- Lobelia cardinalis
- Crinum americanum
- Chasmanthium latifolium*
- Itea virginica*
- Bacopa caroliniana
- Micranthemum umberosum

* Duck-resistant plant

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