

Tyre Pond: An old truck or tractor tyre (not steel-belted!) is easily turned into a pond by cutting off one edge with a sharp knife. Dig a two-foot hole in the ground, wide enough to accommodate the width of the tyre, and tapering down (Figure 5.9). Line the hole with thick plastic, set the tyre on top of the plastic, and shovel dirt into the hole. Stones are set around the tyre to cover it, and a small, perennial flower such as alyssum is planted for decoration. Plant waterlily bulbs or water chestnuts into the earth at the bottom of the pond.

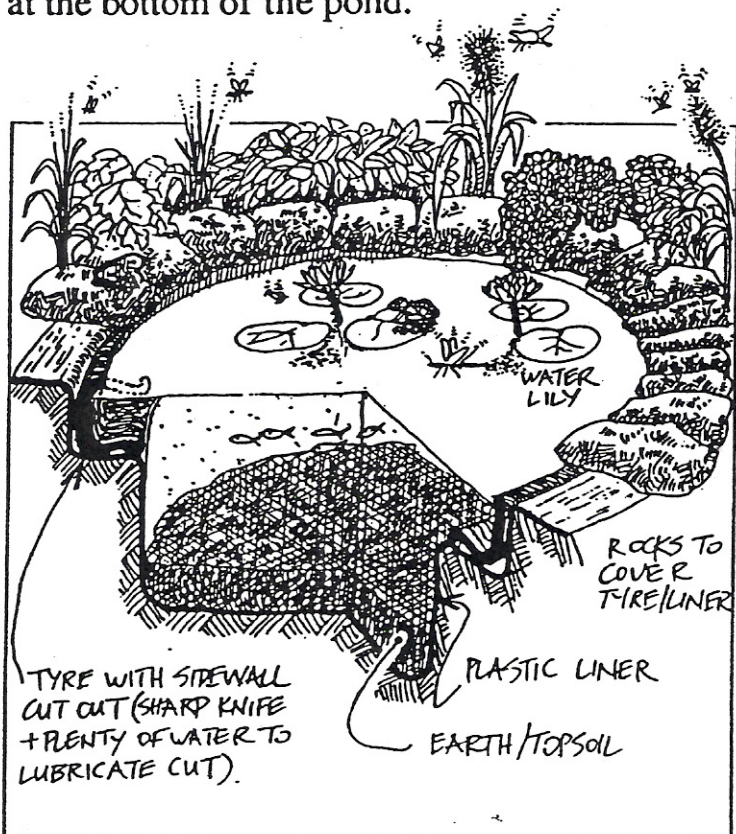


FIGURE 5.9 Garden tyre pond with water lilies, surrounding plants, frogs, insects, and fish.