



## Resin Fountain and Statuary Maintenance

Resin, sometimes referred to as polystone or polyresin, is constructed from a formulation of epoxy plastic. Resin is often used for outdoor garden ornaments such as fountains, statuary, birdbaths and stepping stones.

Resin is a good option for landscape projects where weight is an issue, as resin is a lightweight product. Details can be quite defined in resin cast products, and cost is normally low compared to brass or cast stone.

Resin products that are exposed to the elements can be expected however to deteriorate more quickly than if protected, as the material is not as durable as cast stone (concrete).

Maintenance of resin is a simple process, you just need to keep the product clean with warm water combined with an all-purpose household cleaner and a soft brush. You can also spray with a UV protectant, available at your local hardware.

Statues and fountains constructed of resin that are kept outdoors in the elements will fade and possibly peel over time. Currently there is not a great process to repair cracks or chips in resin. Glues or other epoxy materials do not normally adhere to the resin product so normally when the resin lawn ornament is cracked or broken it cannot be repaired. The same is true for paint as most paints will peel when applied to resin, as it does not adhere to the plastic.

The best way to keep your resin fountain or statue in good condition is to keep it clean. It is best to use resin products on covered porches or patios to protect them from the elements and sun damage. Never leave a resin product outdoors in freezing temperatures as it will crack easily in temperatures below freezing.