

## 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 steppingstones.

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 simple: just clean the material with warm water combined with an all-purpose household cleaner and a soft brush. You can also spray it with a UV protectant, available at your local hardware store.

Statues and fountains constructed of resin that are kept outdoors will fade and possibly peel over time. Currently there is not a great repair process for cracks or chips in resin. Glue, epoxy, paint, and other materials do not adhere well to resin, so cracked or broken resin items cannot be repaired.

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 over the winter as it cracks easily in temperatures below freezing.

