

UNBAGGING YOUR KOI

Koi give off ammonia just by breathing, as well as in the waste they produce, so the water in the bag will be contaminated. As long as the bag remains sealed, this contamination will probably not hurt your Koi. So do not open the bag until you are ready to immediately remove the Koi.

Temperature changes of more than 5 degrees can be harmful for your Koi. The first thing to do is to float the bagged Koi in the new tank or pond for about 20 minutes to equalize the temperature in the bag with the temperature in the tank or pond.

Then, remove the bag from the tank and put it in a separate, small container with water from the new tank or pond - just enough water to cover the Koi. Now you have two choices:

One: Open the bag, and either pour the bag contents and the Koi into this small container. Immediately net or pick up the koi with your hands and place it in the new tank or pond.

or Two: Open the bag, and immediately net or pick up the Koi with your hands and place it in the new tank or pond.

Be careful not to drop the Koi! Discard all the water in the bag and the small container. Avoid putting any water from the bag into your new tank or pond.