

Instalation instructions for:

#433 Spergia (3pc)

#434 Spergia (3pc)

#495 Fountain Fontana Di Giardino

#435 Fountain St. Pete.

#499 Plaza Fountain

A. Materials Needed

1. Supplied with fountain: clear plastic hose, black rubber plug(s) for allowing pump cord or hose to travel through bowl without leaking water.
2. To be purchased: plumber's putty (building supply), household Vaseline (drugstore, pharmacy), pump (garden center).

B. Procedure

1. Test the pump to make sure it is operational. A kitchen sink filled with six inches of water is sufficient. Only plug the pump into the electrical socket after the pump is submerged. Running a pump dry will destroy it. Also, examine any control on the pump so that once the pump is installed, you will know how to increase/decrease the water flow. Removing a faulty pump is time-consuming.
2. Prepare the area on which the fountain will stand. Ensure that the area is packed down and reasonably level.
3. Place the pedestal of the fountain in the desired location. If the fountain is on a solid surface, make sure the cord slot in the bottom of the pedestal is pointed in the direction you desire (usually toward the back and your electrical supply.)
4. Place the bowl onto the pedestal. ****Note: #434 Spergia Table top fountain there is no pedestal, simply place the bowl where desired.**
5. Install the pump. Feed the pump cord down through the bowl and base to the ground. Then, reaching under the tipped base grasp the cord and pull it out from under the base, ensuring that the cord lies in the channel in the bottom of the base (otherwise, the fountain cannot be properly leveled.) When pulling the cord through, leave about three inches between the pump and the inside of the bowl. Help with this step allows for a safer, easier installation. If a bowl is too heavy for one person it is recommended to wait until a helper or two can be arranged.
6. Make sure the walls of the white plastic pipe in the centre of the bowl (through which the pump cord passes) are clean. The black rubber plug needs to seat well into this pipe to prevent leakage.
7. With some household Vaseline lightly coat all surfaces of the black rubber plug. Open the slit in the side of the plug and place the pump cord into the centre of the plug. Place the plug into the hole in the fountain bowl, thus making a watertight seal around the pump cord. Make sure the top of the plug is level with the top of the white plastic pipe and that the slit in the plug is completely

closed. Add Vaseline to the top of the plug. Some force may be required to fully set the rubber plug.

8. Level the bowl. Try rotating the bowl before shimming the bottom of the pedestal, as concrete casting is always inexact.
9. Run the clear plastic tubing through the finial. Connect the bottom of the tubing to the nipple on top of the pump and then set the finial down over the pump (and pump house if supplied). Make sure you do not kink or crimp the tubing in the process, unless you desire a smaller flow of water.

****NOTE**** For the #499 Plaza Fountain be sure to use the two rubber plugs supplied with this water feature in their appropriate location. The first rubber plug has a smaller hole for the pumps electrical cord to leave the lower bowl down through the pedestal. The second rubber plug has a slightly larger hole which allows the ¼" clear plastic hose to travel up from the pump hidden in the two piece pump house in the larger lower bowl, through the smaller pedestal, through the smaller bowl (where the rubber plug needs to be installed), up through the small riser and finial. Take care with each new piece that it is seated firmly and does not 'wobble', shims can help to remove any 'sway'.

10. Place the finial over the pump. When sure that the plastic tubing is not kinked and the pump is firmly seated in the bottom of the bowl, gently lift the tubing (with pump attached below) about 1/8th inch and cut off the excess tubing. The goal is to have the top of the tubing a fraction below the top of the concrete finial. With plumber's putty seal the space between the tubing and the finial (so water does not run back down the centre.)
11. Fill the fountain with room-temperature water. Cold water poured into a warm fountain can cause the bowl to crack. The reverse is true also.
12. Plug the pump into your source of electricity. Always use properly grounded circuits and extension cords. Protect any connection from water, and inspect electrical wire for damage or defects each year.
13. Adjust placement of finials to gain uniform water distribution and adjust pump for desired water flow.
14. Reminder: Water is the ultimate test of 'level'. Slight shifts in placement of the bowl with shims such as pennies or washers can shift the water for the desired effect. Trial and error is the best strategy when adjusting water flow.
15. Reminder: Fountain bowls and pumps CANNOT BE ALLOWED TO FREEZE WITH WATER IN THEM. Disassemble and store bowls, pumps and finials in winter. Or cover fountains from gathering water during freezing months.