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Frequently Asked Questions: FISH CARE TIPS

What kind of water should I add to my aquarium?

We recommend adding distilled or filtered water to your aquarium. You can also use tap water, but most drinking water contains chloramines, which is a chemical compound composed of chlorine and ammonia which is safe for humans but harmful to fish. Chloramine can be easily removed by using a water conditioner that contains a dechloraminating chemical that can be found at a local pet store for a few dollars.

Why should I wait at least 24 – 48 hours before adding fish to my aquarium?

We know you are excited to add some fish. But, in order to do this right you must wait until your aquarium has cycled before adding any fish. The reason for slowly stocking your tank is so that you give your aquarium's biological filter time to catch up with the increased bio load that the new fish introduce to the tank. After 24 – 48 hours, you can start to add one to two fish to cycle your aquarium.

Why add only one or two fish at a time?

Only add one or two fish at a time to give your filtration system the time needed to take on the increased biological load that the new fish introduce. Don't feed your fish on the first day to let them get acquainted with their new home. A good hardy fish many use to get the nitrogen cycle started is the zebra danio.

After four weeks have passed, you can continue to add up to two fish at a time. We recommend that you change approximately one gallon of water each time before adding more fish to keep ammonia levels down.

How often should I feed my fish?

Most fish foods will recommend that you feed your fish 2x per day. However, this usually leads to excess feeding. We suggest feeding your fish 1x per day and just enough that they can finish all of the food in under 2 minutes. Missing a feeding occasionally is not harmful either. Do not compensate by overfeeding the next time you feed the fish.

Why does my aquarium water evaporate?

Water evaporation will vary with weather conditions. We used high powered water pumps to improve circulation and to provide optimal water conditions for the fish. The agitation of the water oxidizes the air but also will cause the water to evaporate more quickly.