



Goldfish Tank Setups

Tanks greater than 35 litres

Set up the tank and associated equipment in a position that does not get direct or excessive sunlight. Ensure it is on a suitable level solid base or stand and that a styrene base is under the tank. (1 litre of water weighs approximately 1 kg. e.g. A 100 litre tank holds 100 kg of water)

- Thoroughly wash the gravel with water only, and then add to the tank.
- Add decorations (e.g. rocks, plants, ornaments, air stones etc.)
- Fill tank with water and add water conditioners as per directions.
- Test pH and adjust to 7.0
- Turn on any air pumps or auxiliary filters.
- After 1 hour test the hardness. Adjust if necessary.
- Let the aquarium operate for 24 hours before introducing any fish.

When coming in to purchase your goldfish, bring a 100 ml sample of your aquarium water and we will conduct a courtesy water test to ensure the conditions are correct before you buy any fish. Advice will be given if any changes are necessary. Our staff will also advise you on some suitable fish to initially stock in your aquarium. Please note that amount of fish stocked in a new aquarium must be increased slowly over the first 4–6 weeks. Introducing too many fish too quickly may result in failure.

After introducing new fish do not feed them for 24 hours. Only feed the fish once per day and only put in enough food so that it is totally eaten in 30 seconds. Over feeding will pollute the aquarium resulting in the death of the fish.

If you have a light on your tank it should be on for a maximum of 8 hours per day, as too much light will promote algae growth.

Maintenance

Change 10 - 20% of the water each week / fortnight. Preferably use a gravel siphon to clean the gravel while changing the water. Add water conditioners as per directions only for the amount of water changed. Check pH and hardness an hour after each water change and adjust accordingly.

Depending on how many fish are stocked and the filter efficiency, the tank may need to be stripped down and totally cleaned once every 6-24 months.



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