

Fish Tank Cleaning Checklist

Daily

- Remove excess food
- Monitor water level and top off if necessary
- Evaluate fish swimming behavior and appetite (make note if anything seems different)
- Check water temperature

Weekly

- 10% water change using gravel siphon (OR 25% every other week)
Please note: this is only a general guideline. Cleaning frequency and volume will be determined by bioload, size of tank and filtration capability.
- Perform water quality testing if new fish or equipment have been added within last 2 months
- Scrub algae from sides of aquarium
- Rinse biological filtration gently in reserve tank water
- Remove and dead leaves from live plants

Monthly

- Rinse biological filtration gently in old tank water
- Perform water quality testing if NO new fish or equipment have been added within last 2 months
- Remove décor and scrub separately
- Vacuum gravel under décor

Yearly

- Buy new water test kit