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