

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