

Getting started

Congratulations on purchasing your new aquarium. Please take the time to follow these simple instructions to ensure that your tank set up is carried out correctly. Correct set up will help to ensure that your fish are healthy and happy and that your aquarium runs trouble free. Keep this set up guide for quick reference and follow up service and advice.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to call the store on (02) 4862 1175 and we would be only too happy to help.

Size of the aquarium:

Model (if applicable):

Litres:

Type of fish: Tropical Coldwater

Your Bowral Pets & Aquarium contact person:

Water Change (Tick correct box for tank)

1/2 water weekly 1/3 water fortnightly

Filter maintenance:

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1. Positioning your aquarium

It is important to carefully choose the right position for your aquarium before you fill it as you will be unable to move the tank later without completely draining it.



The aquarium should not be placed where it receives direct sunlight or in areas where it can be affected by large fluctuations in temperature such as near fires and heaters or under air conditioners. Ensure that you position your aquarium on a level, stable and sturdy surface.

Remember that when full your aquarium will be very heavy as 1 litre of water is equal to 1kg of weight!

2. Wash the gravel and add to the aquarium

Wash your aquarium gravel in tap water. Using a colander can make this process faster and cleaner. Add the gravel to the aquarium creating an even layer across the base of the tank.

3. Fill the aquarium

Add the water to the aquarium until it is approximately 2cm from the top of the tank. It is safe to fill your aquarium with tap water as you will add water conditioners in later steps to make it safe and healthy for the type of fish that you are planning on keeping. The aquarium can usually be filled using a bucket, however if you have an aquarium over 100 litres you may find it easier to fill it using the garden hose.

4. Installing and switching on the equipment

Some aquariums come with separate filters whilst others have the filtration units built into the tank. Follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully regarding the set up of the filter and once complete, switch the unit on at the power.

(For tropical tanks only) If you have a tropical aquarium you will also have to install the heater. All heaters can be completely submersed under the water. Position the heater at the opposite end of the aquarium to the filter. Leave the heater submersed in the water for about 30 minutes prior to switching it on.

If your aquarium has a light it should run for no more than 8 - 10 hours each day. This can be achieved by using a timer.

Important: Always turn off all electrical equipment prior to changing water in your aquarium.

5. Adding the water conditioners

Your aquarium will have come with two types of water conditioners. One is a liquid, the other is a salt. The liquid is used to remove the chlorine and chloramine that is found in tap water and will aid in the slime coat production on the fish. The salt assists in reducing the outbreak of disease in the aquarium and also aids in cell function of the fish.