

Family Pet & Aquarium

7 Days

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Water ager/conditioner

Water ager/conditioner is one of the most important additives for your new fish tank. Reason being that the chlorine in our tap water will kill any of the beneficial bacteria that has formed within the tank. It is extremely important to add the water ager/conditioner to the water before it is added to the tank, this is normally done by filling a bucket with tap water, treating it and then adding it to the tank. Not doing this could kill the good bacteria, which will affect your fish. Be sure to never wash any of the gravel or ornament under straight tap water either, you can wash them in the fish water or add water ager/conditioner to the water you're using to clean before cleaning.

Cycling your new fish tank

Starting up your tropical or cold water fish tank is best done by adding comets or shubunkin gold fish to the tank. These types of gold fish are the strongest and can generally handle the toxins that develop in the water in the first 8 weeks of starting a new tank.

These toxins are created from the fish waste, uneaten food and anything that can rot in the water. The toxins are known as Ammonia, Nitrites and Nitrates, and they are highly toxic to fish. These toxins are the number one cause of fish death in the aquarium.

Generally the cycle will take 8 weeks and in that time naturally beneficial bacteria will form in the tank, these bacteria will help in breaking down the toxins in the tank. However, the tank will never be completely free of toxins without regular water changes.

There are chemicals that can half the cycle process to around 4 weeks. This chemical is called stability. Stability is live bacteria in a bottle which starts breaking down the fish waste from day one, reducing the high levels of toxins in the water.

