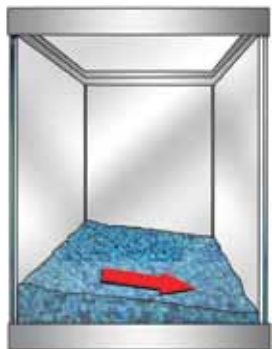


3. Add Gravel

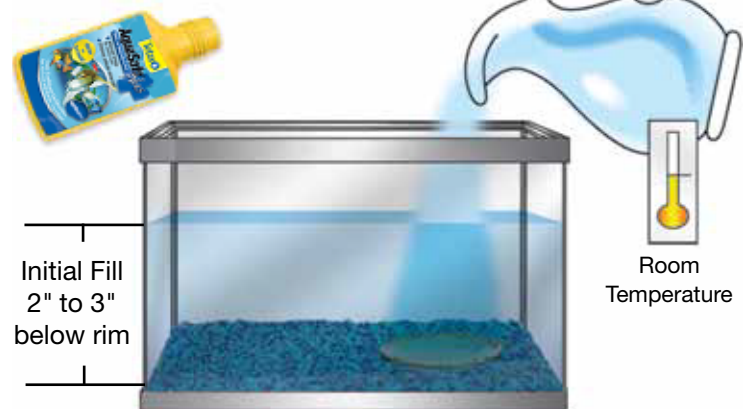
One to two pounds of gravel for every one gallon of water. Slope the gravel bed gradually down from the back to the front. This will add depth to your aquascaping.



4. Add Water

Treat tap water with a water dechlorinator/conditioner such as **AquaSafe® Plus** to remove harmful chlorine and chloramines. Fill to within two to three inches of the aquarium rim.

Dechlorinate and Condition Tap Water



Tip: To avoid disturbing the gravel, place a small clean dish on top of the gravel and pour water onto the dish.

NEVER attempt to move a full or partially full aquarium.
NEVER lift an aquarium with wet hands.

Selecting & Stocking Fish

- 1) Use **SafeStart® Plus** immediately before adding any fish to your aquarium.
- 2) Select fish that are active, healthy, and eating.
- 3) Inform the dealer that you are starting a new aquarium. Your dealer should recommend hardy fish. Also ask for assistance with...
 - Which fish are best suited for your aquarium.
 - Which fish are compatible with each other.
 - How many fish would be appropriate to start your aquarium.

Adding Fish

Never add water into your aquarium from the bag in which your fish came home. This adds unnecessary contaminants to the aquarium.

Never place fish directly into the aquarium. The water temperature in the transport bag and aquarium must be equalized first. To equalize the temperatures, allow the fish to float in the transport bag, in the aquarium for 15 minutes. At five minute intervals, open the bag and add a small amount of aquarium water to the bag. When temperatures have equalized, gently net fish from the bag and place it into the aquarium. Dispose of the water from the transport bag. In general, allow one gallon of water per inch of mature fish.

Never overcrowd your aquarium; it can lead to poor water quality and declining fish health.

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1. Aquarium Location

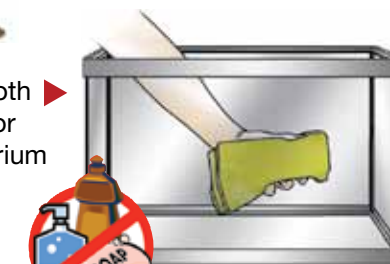
Pick a flat, level surface near an electrical outlet. An aquarium stand is recommended. Avoid heat sources or air conditioner to maintain proper temperature. To avoid excessive algae growth, **DO NOT** place in direct sunlight.



2. Rinse Before Use (with fresh water only)

All rocks, plants, filter cartridges, decorations, etc.

Use a new soft, damp cloth (never exposed to soap or chemicals) to rinse aquarium inside & out.



Rinse gravel in a **NEW** bucket (never exposed to soap/chemicals). Stir swiftly. Rinse until water runs clear.

ALWAYS carry an aquarium from underneath, supporting the bottom at all times.



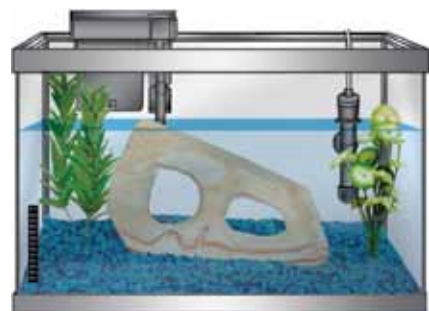
5. Add Plants and Décor

Add aquatic plants (live or artificial), decorative rocks and ornaments.



Install Filter

Install according to the manufacturer's instructions.



Use Tetra® SafeStart® Plus before adding any fish.



8. Stop! Before Adding Fish

Check aquarium water temperature (see chart below). Add SafeStart® Plus to stabilize your aquarium.

SafeStart® Plus with beneficial bacteria, reduces dangerous ammonia and nitrite, and allows you to safely add fish immediately.

Check Aquarium Water Temperature

Fish Type	Water Temperature
Goldfish	Between 68°F - 72°F
Tropical Fish	Between 74°F - 82°F



Weekly (Once)

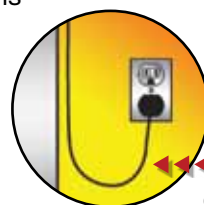
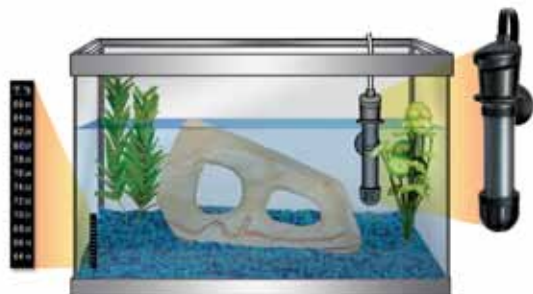
- Add AquaSafe® Plus and water mixture to compensate for any evaporation loss.
- Add EasyBalance® Plus to keep the water chemistry stabilized. This results in a cleaner, healthier environment for your fish.
- Use EasyStrips 6-in-1 Aquarium Test Strips to test your water quality.
- Check over all operations; filter, heater, lighting, etc.



Add EasyBalance® Plus then test for pH, Nitrate, Nitrite, Hardness and Alkalinity.

6. Install Equipment

Select equipment appropriate for your aquarium size. Read and follow all equipment safety precautions and instructions prior to installation and before plugging anything in.



NOTE: Make a Drip Loop and use a GFCI-protected outlet for safety.

Top View



Install Hood & Light

Follow operation manual(s) provided. Knock-out panels from the rear of the hood to fit around the filter and (if needed) the heater.

Install Adhesive Thermometer

Place on the outside glass of aquarium, opposite the heater.

Install Heater

Install heater inside the aquarium at the water level recommended by the manufacturer. Let it acclimate to the water temperature for 20 minutes before plugging in.

NOTE: Goldfish usually do not require a heater, but do better with one.



◀ Tetra® Submersible Heater



7. Finish Filling Aquarium

Top off with water treated with AquaSafe® Plus. Water line should be just above the bottom of the aquarium frame, hidden from view.

9. Add Fish/Pets

Fish are pets that need care and attention. They rely on you to keep their environment clean and healthy. See the back panel for a guide on selecting, stocking and adding fish.

10. Sign up for TetraCare®

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Aquarium Care Guide

Daily (1-3 Times)

Feed your fish in small amounts, only what they will eat in about five minutes. **NEVER** overfeed.



◀ TetraMin® Tropical Flakes

Monthly (Or As Needed)

- Clean filter thoroughly. Reminder: **NEVER** use soap, detergents or cleaning agents.
- Use a **gravel vacuum** to remove 20% of the dirty water. Vacuum gravel to remove any uneaten food and waste buildup.
- Replace the filter cartridge every two to four weeks.

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