



"The Twelve Commandments"

1. **Never** rinse filter media under tap water. **Always** use a jug or bucket of water from your aquarium.
2. Keep all **biological** filters running **24/7**
3. 30% minimum water change per fortnight: i.e. remove 1/3 of the remaining volume – don't just rely on evaporation and **do not change more than 50%** in one hit.
4. Gravel clean your tank fortnightly whilst water changing.
5. Always use a **good** quality water conditioner (Removes: **Chlorine**, **Chloramine** and Heavy metals). Rainwater or Filtered water is **NOT** recommended for most situations.
6. Keep feeding to **once daily** and no more than what they can eat in **2 minutes**. (Always remove any uneaten food).
7. Always **acclimatize** your fish slowly into a new tank, roll edges of the bag down and add aquarium water slowly for 10-15mins.
8. When setting up a new tank, add a few fish weekly but be sure to test for **ammonia** and **nitrite** before each new addition!
9. To keep your fish in good health, **check your water on a regular basis** (pH, ammonia, nitrite & nitrate).
10. Keep a list of the fish that you purchase (ask a staff member to write the species name down for you). **Read up on the fish you have**; get to know what you have and what to do with them.
11. **Never** clean the tank with detergents or other household chemicals - **Label fish buckets** "AQUARIUM USE ONLY".
12. To keep algae at bay, only have your aquarium lights on for maximum of 8-10 hours a day.