

Water Facts

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Is Water Quality Important to Fish?

Maintaining the correct quality of the water in your aquarium is essential to the health of your fish.

Chlorine present in tap water is dangerous to fish. As such, it is vital to add an appropriate dechlorinating product to the water when you add new water to the aquarium or leave it standing for 24 hours for the chlorine concentration in the water to reduce.

Water temperature can also stress your fish, so it is important that you try to ensure the water temperature of any new water added is the same if not similar to that of the water the fish was originally in.

Ammonia and nitrite can also be toxic to fish. Unfortunately, fish naturally release ammonia into the water, which can then be converted to nitrite. It is therefore important that the concentration of ammonia and nitrite is monitored and either biological or mechanical filtration employed where needed.

For further information on water quality and the impact on fish, please contact your local aquarist. If you want to find out the typical quality of tap water in your area please refer to the relevant section of the Leaf Water website.



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