

Thinking of Starting a Tropical Aquarium?

Here's a guide on how to get started!



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Fish-keeping is a wonderful and satisfying hobby but the health and welfare of your fish will always be of paramount importance.

Therefore, selecting the right equipment is the key to aquarium success.

The Equipment to Consider is as Follows :

- **Appropriate Filtration** - Which is vital for the elimination of toxins in the water.
- **A Heater** - For tropical or marine aquariums only.
- **Lighting** - LED lights last much longer and use a fraction of the power.
- **A Water Quality Test Kit** - To monitor water parameters.

Other equipment that can be used to benefit your aquarium include :

- **UV sterilisers** - For protection from disease and algae control
- **Automatic fish feeders**
- **Air pumps** - which delivers oxygen to the water.
- **Cleaning Equipment** - the most popular are gravel cleaners, algae magnets, sponges and

Whether your interest lies in getting involved through a simple starter kit or the installation of a larger aquarium, you will almost certainly want some advice. To ensure you get it right first time. Genuine customer service is our passion and we are here to support you throughout your project and beyond.

Speak to our team in store today to help you get your aquarium right first time.

Aquarium Selection

One of the primary considerations that needs to be made when deciding on an aquarium is the size. This will dictate the species and the number of fish you wish to keep. The most familiar aquarium shape of course is the flat-faced rectangle, with modern innovation there's an aquarium to fit most spaces in your home. Even if space is limited, biOrb tanks are ideal for small spaces and counter tops and are available in wide variety of shapes and sizes.

Of all the available aquarium brands we highly recommend Oase, Eheim and Juwel. They combine innovation in design and meticulous engineering with an extensive choice of models.



Make your Aquarium Unique

Whether you prefer a traditional or a more natural look, how you dress your aquarium is largely a matter of personal taste whilst bearing in mind the welfare of the fish. With the addition of ornaments and decorative pieces, it makes your aquarium unique. And perhaps most important, your choice planting. The Tropica range which offers a spectacular range of plants from around the world.

Setting up your New Aquarium

The most important thing to consider when setting an aquarium up is that you are creating a suitable environment for organisms to live in. To do this, you need to fill the aquarium with water. Tap water contains chlorine and chloramine which needs to be removed. For this, a de-chlorinator can be used. Next, bacteria must be added to kickstart the filtration process. Over the course of the next two weeks your water parameters will go through some changes. Specifically the Ammonia, Nitrite, Nitrate and pH. The water quality must be tested to ensure the aquarium has been fully cycled. A water quality test kit will advise you on what levels of each parameter is best for your chosen species of fish.

Adding Fish to your Aquarium

Once you're all set, you can begin to add fish to your aquarium. To ensure that your filter does not become overwhelmed, you must take your time when adding new fish to a recently established aquarium. The thing to consider is that every fish produces waste, the more fish added means more waste produced. The best practice is to stock fish in groups of five at a time.

