

# Adding Fish to Your Aquarium

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A) Start with only a few fish for the first month.

B) Choose fish your aquarium can support. A general rule is about 1 inch of fish for every gallon of water (i.e. a 20 gallon tank can support 20 inches of fish). In general most fish will get along with each other if you remember that big fish make their living eating smaller fish.

C) Introducing fish to the tank: When you bring your fish home, float the bags for 10-15 minutes to equalize the temperature between the bag and the tank. Then open the bag the fish are in and slowly add tank water several times over a 10 minute period. This way, your fish will gradually be acclimated to the water of your tank.

D) Always feed the existing fish in the tank prior to introducing a new fish and then turn the light off for one hour.

E) With live bearers (like guppies, swordtails, etc,) a ratio of two females to each male is preferable.

F) Have three or more of each schooling fish, e.g. neon tetras.



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