

# Proper Fish Feeding

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## What is proper fish feeding?

To successfully keep fish as a hobby you must learn to feed your fish the right type of food and the right QUANTITY of food. If you “overfeed” your fish the ammonia level will rise quickly and ultimately make the fish ill. Overfeeding your tank is the #1 killer for new aquarium owners.

## What is overfeeding?

Overfeeding is simply putting more food in your aquarium than your fish will eat. Generally if the food falls to the bottom of the aquarium, or takes more than 1 minutes for the fish to eat then you are overfeeding.

## How should I feed my fish?

It is best to feed after the light has been on for at least 1 hour. Start by doing a very small portion of food (just a few flakes/pellets per fish.) Now observe. Do they eat it all immediately before it starts collecting on the bottom? If so, you can put a few more in. Every tank will require different amounts of food, so experiment with what is right for yours. Note: Livebearers are known to overeat, so be sure to stop at about 7-9 “flakes” per fish.

## How often should I feed?

When starting an aquarium we recommend you feed your fish once, every other day. In a new aquarium it is especially important not to overfeed. After 1 month you can increase your feedings to once a day if you would like. Remember it is difficult to starve a fish, and very easy to overdo it.



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