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# Tank Startup Shopping List

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**A**re you getting ready to set up an aquarium? Maybe this is your first tank — or maybe your tenth. Either way, you'll need some supplies to get started, and it's much easier if you have a list of

the items you'll need. Take this with you when you go shopping for aquarium supplies to make sure you don't forget anything. Below you'll find categories of things you may need for the aquarium itself, for plants and animals, etc. You probably will not need all of these items — plan ahead to figure out what type of tank you would like and how best to go about setting it up. Then you'll be ready to go shopping!

## AQUARIUM\*

- Tank
- Filter
- Light
- Hood/Cover
- Heater
- Substrate
- Power strip
- Appliance timer (for lights)
- Air pump
- Air stone
- Air line tubing
- Tank stand

## PLANTS

- Fertilizer
- Plant substrate
- Trimming shears
- Plants

## DECOR

- Plants
- Driftwood
- Ornaments
- Aquarium background

## MAINTENANCE

- Glass/acrylic scraper, sponge or magnet
- Gravel vacuum
- Water conditioner
- Bucket
- Filter cartridge replacements

## FISH AND INVERTEBRATES

- Animals
- Food

## INFORMATION

- Books
- Magazines

\*If you get an all-in-one tank, you probably won't need the first four items.