

Reef Tank MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

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- DAILY:** Feed and observe livestock; check water temperature; supplement calcium, carbon and magnesium; empty skimmer cup; check that all pumps are operational; check drip and bubble rates for calcium reactor.
- WEEKLY:** Check salinity and pH, clean skimmer reaction tube, refill auto top-off reservoir, clean front glass, check pressure gauges.
- BI-MONTHLY:** Perform water change and clean off any salt creep.
- MONTHLY:** Frag or thin out corals as needed; measure and record calcium, dKH and magnesium; check nitrates and phosphates; make sure skimmer Venturi is free of any salt buildup; clean cover glass; replace carbon and phosphate removal media; clean and recalibrate probes.
- AS NEEDED:** Remove any dead animals immediately, replace probes at manufacturer's suggested interval, replace calcium carbonate media.

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QUARTERLY: due date _____

SIX MONTHS: due date _____

ANNUALLY: due date _____

- QUARTERLY:** Strip and clean protein skimmer pumps, strip and clean pumps in rotation, clean UV sleeves and bulbs, refill carbon dioxide bottle.
- SIX MONTHS:** Restock invertebrate herbivores as required, clean inside pipework, replace UV bulbs, clean away calcium buildup on equipment.
- ANNUALLY:** Replace UV bulbs and replace reverse osmosis membrane and filters.



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