

Fishkeeping Dos and Don'ts

There are basic rules to fishkeeping that all hobbyists should follow.

Fishkeeping Do's

Do set a budget for all fishkeeping expenses
Do use a test kit to check your water
Do observe your fish for signs of disease

- Do research a fish before purchasing
- Do consult with other hobbyists
- Do cycle a new tank
- Do quarantine new fish
- Do acclimate new fish

- Do regular maintenance and water changes
- Do condition replacement water during water changes
- Do have plans to accommodate unexpected fry
- Do remember to view and appreciate your setup

Fishkeeping Don'ts

Don't release captive fish into the wild
Don't overfeed your fish
Don't mix species without researching their compatibility

- Don't buy fish on impulse
- Don't overstock your tank
- Don't flush fish down the toilet
- Don't forget to provide for your fish when you are away
- Don't let algae get out of control

- Don't add too many fish to a tank at once
- Don't add fish without acclimating them first
- Don't let a disease fester
- Don't keep goldfish in bowls, drinking glasses and other small containers
- Don't forget to visit Fishchannel.com often for more tips!