

Aquarium Survival Checklist

Stop Losing Fish — Fix Your Tank Fast

Emergency Fix (Do This First If Fish Are Dying)

- Test your water immediately (ammonia, nitrite, nitrate)
- Perform a 25% water change (match temperature)
- Stop feeding for 24 hours
- Increase surface agitation (improve oxygen)
- Remove any dead fish or uneaten food
- Add dechlorinator to all new water

Weekly Maintenance Routine

- Change 10–25% of water (consistent schedule)
- Gravel vacuum lightly (remove waste buildup)
- Check filter flow (clean if needed, but don't over-clean)
- Test water parameters (especially ammonia and nitrate)
- Observe fish behavior (look for stress or illness)

Feeding Rules (Prevent Hidden Tank Poisoning)

- Feed once per day (or less depending on species)
- Only feed what fish eat in 30–60 seconds
- Remove uneaten food immediately
- Skip feeding 1 day per week to reduce waste buildup

Stocking Guidelines (Avoid Tank Crashes)

- Add fish slowly (a few at a time)
- Wait at least 1 week between adding new fish
- Avoid overstocking your tank
- Quarantine new fish if possible

Tank Stability Rules (This Is The Real Secret)

- Keep temperature consistent (avoid swings)
- Do not over-clean your filter (protect beneficial bacteria)
- Maintain a regular schedule (don't guess)
- Let your tank mature — stability takes time

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