

## Checklist for inspecting your aquarium:

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01. [ ] No fish are listless. See list on next page.
02. [ ] No fish are hovering near the top as if they are not getting oxygen.
03. [ ] Water is not cloudy or discolored.
04. [ ] Water has no odor such as sulfur, rot, chemical, or anything other than a clean earthy fragrance.
05. [ ] All fish are present and accounted for. If one is not in view, find it.
06. [ ] Glass is clear. Green Algae is acceptable but Brown Algae never is.
07. [ ] Airstone output is vigorous.
08. [ ] Water flow through filter is adequate. Water should never flow around the filter inserts in a power filter. It needs replaced or cleaned if it does.
09. [ ] Too much detritus or sediment in bottom of tank.
10. [ ] Have you changed out 10 percent of the water this month?
11. [ ] Are all electrical Devices in order.
12. [ ] Feel the water to see if it is too warm or hot to the touch. You can't trust any aquarium heater. Note: Never use an aquarium heater in hot climate or weather. Goldfishes, White Clouds, and other cold water fishes do not need a water heater if kept indoors.
13. [ ] Feel the Aquariums air pump if it is the vibrator type to see if it is more hot than usual. Some heat is to be expected.
14. [ ] If you have a piston pump watch that it does not overheat the water or that it does not burn up itself.
15. [ ] If the air output of the airstone or box filter is not up to par and the airstone is not clogged, your air pump may be worn and in need or repair or replacement.
16. [ ] Check for slow water leaks at the seams of your aquarium. If possible feel the bottom of your aquarium.
17. [ ] Check for cracks in the glass, especially if children have been playing about the aquarium.
18. [ ] Make sure screen or strainer is on the end of the intake tube of your power filter. If it is not the smaller fish can be destroyed in the impeller.
19. [ ] If your Power filter has become noisy and is not low on water it may need a new impeller or replace the unit.
20. [ ] Check your water level. Remember: Adding water does not compensate for a monthly 10 percent water change.

21. [ ] Have you spent at least 15 minutes sitting and enjoying the beauty of your aquarium today? It is good for both you and your fishes.

### Things to look for on sickly fishes:

01. Little pinhead sized white spots.
02. Clamped fins.
03. Hovering near the top of the tank.
04. Ragged fins.
05. White stuff on fins or body.
06. Flesh wounds.
07. Missing eye/tattered fins - indicative of hostile fishes.
08. Blue or green water in aquarium-indicative of medication / disease.
09. Fish that swim on their side or swim erratically.
10. Fish that are pale in color.
11. Fish laying on their side.
12. Normally active fishes hiding.
13. Bizarre or erratic swimming behavior.

NOTE: If your power filter is noisy it may be that your water level is dangerously low or the air line is disconnected.

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