

# Water Changes

Change 5 gallons of tank water after one week of feeding. Continue once a week, or more if needed.

## 1 Run replacement water

Water must run for 30 minutes to clear metals (copper and lead) and sediments.

## 2 Turn off filters / remove pie plate

If left on the motor will burn out. Remove pie plate with gravel and redd.



## 3 Remove 5 gallons

Having a helper is necessary. Use gravel cleaner to siphon food and fish waste from the bottom of tank. Remove water to 5 gallon bucket, never directly into a sink.

## 4 Rinse filters in removed water

The used water has no chlorine and will not harm the beneficial bacteria in the filters.



## 5 Dispose of dirty water

If too heavy to lift, use a clean ice-cream pail to scoop water from the 5 gallon bucket.

## 6 Fill bucket with new water

Use replacement water which has ran 30 minutes.

## 7 Add Aquasafe to bucket

Never add new water back to the tank without first removing the chlorine. To remove stir Aquasafe into the bucket.



## 8 Refill tank

Use ice-cream pail to scoop water from 5 gallon bucket back into the tank. Check that water is at correct level for filters.

## 9 Turn on filters

Ensure filter outflow is once again aimed at the refrigerator coils.

## Change water on Wednesday!

*If a problem occurs it can be corrected the next day.*

### You will need:

- water which has run 30 min.
- 5 gallon bucket & ice cream pail
- gravel cleaner / siphon
- AquaSafe chlorine remover

### To change the water:

- Immerse gravel cleaner in tank and fill with water - there should not be any air bubbles in the tubing as these prevent suction.
- Cover the end of small tubing with thumb to block water. While covering the end remove the small tube from tank and lower into 5 gallon bucket. Keep the large end of gravel cleaner in the tank under the water. The bucket must be lower than the tank to start siphoning out water.
- Remove your thumb from end of small tubing and water will begin siphoning into the bucket, (if not, check for air bubbles).
- Move the large tube of the gravel cleaner across the bottom of the tank to suction out uneaten food and waste from the fry.

## HOW TO Remove Tank Water With Gravel Cleaner



*Do not feed fry after water changes. They will be stressed and will not eat.*