



# How-To Set-Up Your Tank

1. Rinse out the tank and wash the gravel with water.  
**Do not use soap!**
2. Put your tank on a steady base away from direct sunlight and heat and air condition vents.
3. Gently pour the clean gravel into the tank until it is 1-2 inches deep.
4. Set up your filter and pump; follow manufacturers' set-up instructions.
5. Position the landscaping materials, like rocks, wood and ornaments in the gravel.
6. **Fill the tank half-way with water;** taking care not to disturb the gravel. You may still need a clarifier later, which is a chemical that clears the water.
7. Add the plants by placing them in groups.
  - a. The taller plants should be placed in the back of the tank.
  - b. Dig small holes in the gravel and place the base of the plants in, then push the gravel back around the plant.
8. Fill up the rest of the tank with water.
9. **Add the water conditioner.** There will be directions on the bottle that will indicate the amount of conditioner for the size of your tank.
10. Now you can place the cover and light on the tank. Turn on the filter, pump and light. Leave the filter and pump running all the time. **Wait at least one day before adding any fish.**