



Amazon Aquatics

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Tropical and coldwater fish require different levels of pH depending on the species. Quite a few of the fish we have on sale are in a pH of 7.0 [neutral]. Some are better suited to a pH of 6.5 [slightly acid] and some prefer a pH of 7.5 [alkaline] this will be higher or lower depending on the species so please do research or ask us before buying.

Once a tank has gone through the initial maturing process it is normal for the pH of the water to fall, many things can cause this to, for example the adding of bogwood, over stocking or over feeding a tank can cause the water to go more acidic more quickly.

If you allow your pH to go unchecked your water can become very acidic, levels of 5.0 or below are not uncommon, which is equivalent of your fish living in vinegar!!!!!!

It is rare for your pH to rise unaided as fish waste is acidic. Items that can raise your pH are things found at the beaches, rocks coral sand and shells. Also calcareous stones (any stones that will fizz when vinegar is added is a good way to test this).

To ensure safe levels only add decorative items purchased in a reputable aquarium or shop, unless you are experienced enough to know what is safe.

As with other problems, which can occur with their water quality, fish can acclimatize themselves quite well for a short time and you only become aware of a problem when new fish you try to introduce die.

We advise you test your water weekly, easy to use test kits and pH buffers are available to ensure you don't lose fish to this easily remedied problem. It is important that you know what the pH of your tank water is, so that the fish you have or intend to buy are going to live.

Please feel free to ask for any further advice or discuss any problems you may be having with your fish and aquarium.