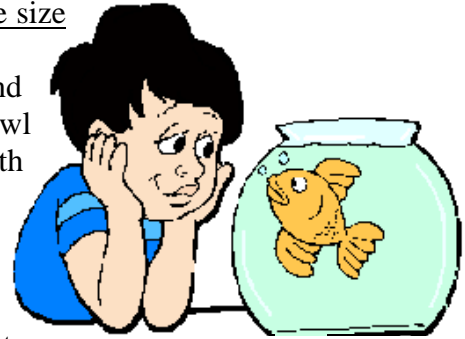


How to Look After Your Goldfish:

1. **Do not overfeed:** fish should be fed no more than the size of their eye, per fish, per day.
2. **Age your water:** When you clean your fish bowl and replace the water, the water you put back into your bowl must be aged. To do this, simply fill a bucket with tapwater at least two days before. After it has stood for this length of time it is safe to put your fish into it.
3. **Balance the pH:** Once a week, remove about an 8th of the water from your goldfish bowl and replace it with fresh tapwater. This tapwater does not need to be aged.
4. **Do not put your goldfish bowl in direct sunlight:** this will not do your fish any harm, but the sunlight makes water algae grow, and you will have to clean your tank more often.
5. **Cover your goldfish bowl if you spray for flies:** flyspray is toxic to goldfish.
6. **Bowl cleaning:** How often you need to clean your bowl and change the water varies depending on; how many fish you have, whether your water is aerated, and whether or not they are being fed correctly. As a general rule, every couple of months is fine.
7. **Overcrowding:** there is a limit to how many goldfish can live in certain sized bowls. If you want to add more goldfish to your bowl, ask the advice of an expert.
8. **Merging the Water:** When fish are being moved from one body of water to another the water should always be "merged". This is because the water will probably have a different temperature and different pH, and to experience a sudden change in water can be stressful, and even fatal, to fish. When you bring them home, float them in their plastic bag in their new tank or bowl. Add a bit of water from the tank into their bag, and tip out a bit of water from the bag. Repeat this several times over about 45 minutes, and then release the fish into their tank.
9. **Do not use rainwater for your fish tank:** Rainwater has no nutrients or minerals in it, unlike groundwater, and therefore is not suitable for fish.



Extra Information:

1. Overfeeding is the leading cause of goldfish death. If they are overfed, the uneaten goldfish food rots in their water, and makes the water unhealthy for the fish. Because goldfish are cold-blooded, and are supported by water, instead of having to support their own bodies as mammals do, they use very little energy, and require very little food. So, if you go away for the weekend your goldfish will be fine without being fed, unlike your dog or cat! If you go away for a longer period, slow release feeding blocks can be purchased for your goldfish.
2. Our water is treated with chlorine, which is toxic to fish. But when the water has been left to stand for a couple of days, the chlorine diffuses into the air, making the water safe. If you put your finger over the tap and "spray" it, as you would if you were squirting water from a hose, this also helps to remove the chlorine. Water

aging products can be purchased, which enable you to put your fish into water almost immediately.

3. All water has a pH value; this is a measure of how alkaline or acidic it is. Fish cannot survive in water that is either too acid or too alkaline. Water that stands in a goldfish bowl gradually becomes more and more acidic. Tapwater usually is at the perfect pH for goldfish, so regularly taking some water out of the bowl, and replacing it with a small amount of tapwater will keep your goldfish's water at the right acidity level.

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