



#### VOLUME I ISSUE 2

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# **Email Us a Picture of Your Aquarium** How Do You Keep Your Aquarium Looking Beautiful?

- 1. What do you do to maintain your aquarium and keep it looking good?
- $\Rightarrow$  Take a selfie of you and your aquarium.
- $\Rightarrow~$  Share with us what you do. One or two things you feel are important in keeping a pristine and healthy aquarium.
- $\Rightarrow$  Email picture and tips to:
  - customercare@kollerproducts.com. Win a 5-gallon aquarium kit, winner drawn randomly from entries "Selfie Contest ends April 1st, 2022"

## Causes of Algae and How to Stop It

Most tropical fish owners encounter algae issues sometime during their journey of keeping fish, regardless on how well you maintain your fish tank and take care of it. There are many causes for algae to begin growing in your aquarium, this uninvited guest can come in many appearances and colors, from green to brown, from stringy to thick clumps. To successfully remove algae from your tank you must find the reason, what is causing the algae to grow. There are many causes for this unwanted algae to grow but just as many treatments. Understanding what causes algae growth is essential to preventing and controlling it. Unwanted algae usually results from the following: <u>Overfeeding</u>

• Reduce the amount of fish food you are feeding your fish, overfeeding creates more waste and unwanted algae may result.

#### Overcrowding

• Too many fish in your aquarium can cause a build up of excess waste. Keep to the recommendation of one fish per gallon of aquarium water to help minimize fish waste, uneaten fish food and other detritus.

#### Infrequent Water Changes

• To help rid your aquarium of algae, perform a partial water change using a gravel vacuum siphon that enables you to get down into the gravel. Do a 20%-25% water change every two weeks to lower the level of fish waste and uneaten fish food that algae utilizes as a fuel source.

#### Too much light

• Reduce the amount of light your tank is getting. If you have your lights on eight hours per day lower the length of time down to six or less. If the tank is getting direct sunlight from a window put up a blackout curtain to minimize the amount of light getting to your aquarium. If possible move your aquarium to another location away from direct window light.

Add some live aquarium plants such as Anacharis or Java Fern. Live aquarium plants can help trap and utilize the nutrients in your aquarium that algae need as a fuel source in order to grow.

#### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

Show Us Your AquariumControlling Algae

•Hardy Fish

•How Does a Power Filter Work



#### **Black Molly** I Black Mollies are one of the most popular in fish keeping. L Peaceful community fish, does well with many others. L Care Level: Beginners and up L Size: 2 inches L Temperature: 72°F - 78°F L pH: 7.0 - 8.0 L Lifespan: 2 - 3 years Temperament/Behavior: Hardy, peaceful and compatible L with others; recommended one male for every two females L Aquarium Size: 2 gallons or larger L Compatible Tank Mates: Bettas, Swordtails, Platys, Tetras, L Zebra Danios, White Clouds and Corydoras Catfish L Diet/Foods: Flake food, frozen and freeze-dried foods such L as brine shrimp, bloodworms and daphnia Tank Region: All over the tank L Gender: The female is usually bigger than the male and the L male has a modified smaller anal fin than the female L Breeding: Live bearers, if you have a male and a female, L there is a good chance they will have offspring I **Origin: Central America and South America**



### How Often Should I Change My Power Filter Cartridge

You should replace the filter cartridge in the power filter every 2 to 3 weeks, depending on the number of fish in your aquarium and the amount of daily feedings or when the filter cartridge is heavily soiled. Another good indicator is when there is a visible decrease in water flow from the power filter.

Filter cartridge contains activated carbon that adsorbs and removes impurities, discolorations, and odors. While the poly-fiber outer covering traps and removes particulate material and detritus from the aquarium water. This particulate matter may include uneaten food, fish waste and other debris. To keep your filter working efficiently and aquarium clean and fish healthy, regularly scheduled maintenance is essential.



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