Aquariums range from 5 gallon to 55 gallons and larger. A larger aquarium allows a greater number of fish and a more diverse variety. The larger volume of water keeps the water chemistry more stable and less likely to have sudden change.

Allow tank to run for at least 24-48 hours before adding any fish. This allows gases in the water to dissipate and for water to heat up. Wait until cloudy water clears up before adding fish. There are additives that you can add to speed up this cycle. During the first few weeks, only a few hearty fish should be placed in the tank to initiate the nitrogen cycle and the water should be closely monitored for ammonia and nitrate levels.

Shopping List for Needed Supplies

- Filter & Heater
- Water Conditioner & Additives
- Air Pump (Tubing, Valves, etc)
- Thermometer
- Hood (Cover & Light Fixture)
- Gravel / Decorations