

# IT'S O'FISHIALLY MOVING DAY

SETUP: ~30 minutes (includes 15 minute wait time)

## WHAT'S INCLUDED



### For Your System

Tank (3 gallons)  
Grow Bed  
Grow Lid  
Submersible Water Pump  
Flexible Tube  
Bag of Gravel



### For Your Water\*

Bottle of All-Natural D-Klor™  
Bottle of Zym Bac™ Nitrifying Bacteria  
Pouch of Tidy Tank™  
\*All-natural aquatic supplies provided by Home Grown Ponics™



### For Your Plants

Plant Pots (5)  
Bag of Growstones™  
Organic Seed Packs

### For Your Fish

Betta Fish Coupon  
Bag of Home Grown Ponics Fish Food

Male veiltail betta fish are ideal for the Water Garden. Visit our FAQ for information on keeping other types of fish.

## RATHER WATCH A VIDEO?

[backtotheroots.com/WaterGardenCare](http://backtotheroots.com/WaterGardenCare)

Here you can watch our step-by-step set up video, find answers to FAQs, and shop recommended accessories.

## OPTIONAL ACCESSORIES

**Submersible Water Heater:** If your home runs on the cooler side, consider purchasing a small heater. Since bettas are tropical fish, they are happiest in water between 76° and 82° F.

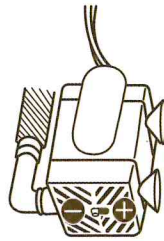
**Backings:** A combination of sunlight, nutrients, and water can result in algae growth. Covering the sides of your tank that are exposed to sunlight is an easy way to keep algae at bay.

**Tank Decorations:** They will help create a fun home for your fish!

**Grow Light:** If you'd like to grow sun-loving herbs but do not have a spot near a sunny window, a grow light is a great alternative.

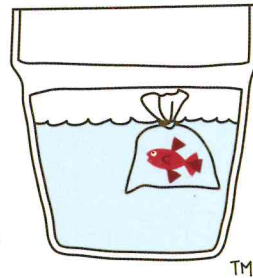
## 1. Set Up Your Fish's Home

Rinse your tank out with water and ensure your pump is switched to the low setting. Attach one end of the tube to the elbow of your submersible pump. Wet the suction cups and place the pump inside your tank with the vent facing down. Stick the pump to the bottom of the tank's back panel (side with the notch in it). Keep the pump plug out of the tank and dry at all times.



Wash the provided gravel thoroughly in a strainer with water, and add the gravel to the bottom of the tank.

Place your tank in its final home (it will be heavy to move later), fill the tank with room temperature water up to the textured line, and add ~½ capful of D-Klor™ to the water. To equalize water temperature for your fish, float the bag or container you bought your fish in (with fish inside) directly in the tank water for 15 minutes.

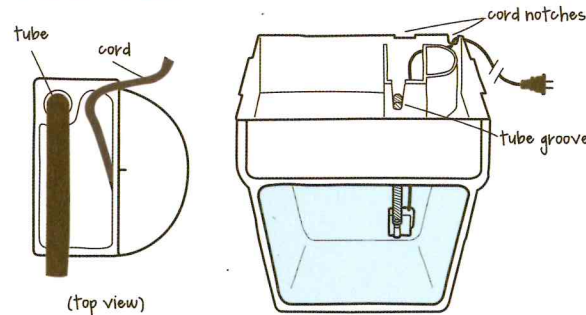


Gently release your fish from the container into the tank water. Your water might be cloudy for the first few days. This is your tank cycling and should clear up within a week.

## 2. Assemble the Grow Bed

Rinse the grow bed. Thread the pump cord and flexible tube up through the openings in the grow bed and place the grow bed on the tank. Run the power cord out of the back notch in the tank. Bend the flexible tube and nestle it into the tube groove - water should flow horizontally into the grow bed. Plug pump into outlet to turn on.

Rinse your grow lid and attach to the grow bed. The 4 corner tabs should fit snugly *inside* the grow bed. Fill your 5 plant pots evenly with Growstones™ and rinse them with water. Set each plant pot into the grow lid and pour the entire Zym Bac™ bottle evenly over all the Growstones™.



## 3. Plant Your Seeds

Refer to your seed packs on our FAQ page for important instructions on planting each type of seed. Keep 1-2 plant pots seeded with fast-growing wheatgrass or sprouts until roots from the other plants extend outside of their pots and can better filter the water. Use herb starters, like mint, to get a jump-start.

## Sunlight, Plants, and Algae

While the Water Garden is constantly cleaning the water of ammonia excreted by the fish, algae can still form with direct sunlight.

Sprouts, like wheatgrass and radish, grow well with indirect light and allow you to place your Water Garden almost anywhere. Herbs (e.g. basil) grow best when placed near a window that receives direct sunlight (often south-facing) or under a grow light. Though direct light increases the likelihood of algae, you can prevent it from forming by adding a backing or algae-eaters like freshwater snails to the tank.

# CARING FOR YOUR WATER GARDEN

Some of the notes below are specific to bettas. Visit our website's FAQ page for information on caring for other types of fish.

- Unplug, remove, and rinse your pump under water every month to clean buildup around the vent and maintain consistent water flow.
- Add the entire pouch of Tidy Tank™ to the tank water after your Water Garden has been running for 1 week. To help keep a clean tank, add Tidy Tank™ once a month.
- Feed your betta 8-10 pellets per day (push the feed cap down to drop food into the tank). Try to drop the pellets gradually into the water so that your betta has time to eat. A betta's stomach is roughly the size of its eye, so it is important to avoid overfeeding.
- Unlike other species, bettas are not schooling fish and will actually fight with other bettas if placed in the same tank.
- It is important to keep the water level within 1" of the bottom of the textured line. When topping off, use ¼ capful of D-Klor™ per gallon of water you add. Avoid filling much past the textured line, as bettas like space to breathe (they take in oxygen directly from the air as well as through their gills).

## REORDERING ALL-NATURAL SUPPLIES

Since you're growing food with your Water Garden, it's important to use all-natural supplies. Visit our partners for reorders.

Water Garden refill items include D-Klor™, Tidy Tank™, and fish food. They, and other all-natural products, can be purchased from Home Grown Ponics™, a division of Kordon® LLC. [www.homegrownponics.com](http://www.homegrownponics.com)

Organic seeds from Handy Pantry® (use code [watergarden20](http://watergarden20) for 20% off your next order) [www.handypantry.com/watergarden](http://www.handypantry.com/watergarden)