

# Placing and Showcasing Your Aquarium

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## proper aquarium placement for beautiful and healthy aquariums

You've researched the care requirements of fish, but have you given aquarium placement much thought? Proper aquarium placement may not be as exciting as picking out new fish but it is essential for aquarium success. Before you set up your new aquarium, determine the best place for your aquarium to avoid laborious and costly mistakes.

### Maximize location

Set up your aquarium in a room where you spend most of your time. By doing so, you can fully enjoy the results of your endeavor. An aquarium placed in a back room or basement may not receive the care or attention it needs. There is also a greater chance of fish disease or equipment malfunction to remain unnoticed. Choose a room where you can view and take pleasure in your aquatic system. But be sure to place your aquarium where it is easily accessible for regular and convenient maintenance.

### Easy access to electrical outlets and a water source

Electrical outlets need to be close enough to plug in aquarium equipment without the use of extension cords. Extension cords are not only a tripping hazard, but a tangle of cords is a serious electrical hazard. If possible, locate your aquarium close to your water supply. This helps make crucial [water changes](#) and other aquarium maintenance easier for you.

### Avoid heat/AC vents and exterior entrances

Stable water temperature is essential for fish health. Heating and air conditioning vents, as well as exterior entrances and windows, can drastically alter the temperature in the surrounding area. Do not place your aquarium near these areas. It is also very important to keep your aquarium out of direct sunlight. Exposure to direct sunlight can encourage aggressive algae growth, as well as higher water temperatures.



**What's the easiest way to keep dangling electrical cords from detracting from the beauty of my aquarium?**

Decorative aquarium backgrounds are the best way to hide unsightly electrical cords. They also provide instant visual interest to any aquarium.

### showcase your aquarium

Aquarium stands are an integral part of the aquarium system. They serve the basic function of holding the aquarium in place, as well as storing equipment and supplies.



However, decorative aquarium stands also have the aesthetic function of creating a stylish and cohesive look to truly showcase your aquarium.

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## A structurally stable and level location

Once fully set up, aquariums weigh at least 10 pounds per gallon. In other words, even a 10-gallon aquarium will weigh a cumbersome 100 pounds!

Give thought to aquarium placement and avoid stressful and unnecessary aquarium relocation. Something as basic as proper aquarium placement is the difference between an enjoyable aquarium hobby and a neglected eyesore.

style and home interior. From sleek contemporary to ornate hand-carved units, decorative furniture-like aquarium stands are available in a variety of styles and finishes. It is now easier than ever to find a model that will match the décor of your home or office.

For aquariums larger than 30 gallons, ask yourself this question, "Will the floor be able to support the weight of the aquarium once it's set up?" Most new residential flooring should not pose any structural problems. However, if you have any doubt, consult and verify with a professional to make sure your flooring is capable of supporting the weight of your aquarium setup. Also, inspect the floor and check to see if it is level. An uneven surface makes it impossible to fill your aquarium completely. An unstable aquarium is also more inclined to tip over or spring a leak.

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