

Are Your Guppies Getting Fed Enough

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Here is a thought for you. "Are you really feeding your guppies enough?"

If you feed your guppies every hour they would still eat. As a matter of fact they may even charge to the front of your tanks at feeding time.

In over eighty percent of my tanks the guppies come charging to the front of my tanks every time I stop and stand in front of that tank.

I tend to overfeed, the guppies love it, but that overfeeding comes with its consequences. With the overfeeding more tank maintenance is required. This translates into more syphoning, more water changes and more filter changes.

So here is my routine in the fish room when it comes to feeding my guppies. I feed brine shrimp (live and frozen), (flake food and Kens 00 growth crumbles) so that it last for about five minutes in the tanks. I then make another pass after five minutes and any tanks that the guppies still look hungry I feed some more. This additional feeding usually gets gobbled up pretty fast. I must emphasize that this additional feeding routine produces extra waste in your tank. This additional waste require extra tank maintenance in the form of performing more syphoning, water changes and changing your filters.

With this routine I have gotten larger guppies in a faster amount of time. My tanks are still dirty, debris still on the bottom of the tank, but generally clean. With my water I can make large water changes and this is the reason I can feed extra amounts of food.

I use a Granger utility pump to extract the water from my tanks when doing water changes of more than one gallon. The Granger utility pump removes about 360 gallons per hour and uses 1/10 horse power. It is a bit noisy, but I have gotten use to using this self-priming pump. When I change just about one gallon of water I use a syphon hose.

Final note: Anyone that has seen my set up Knows that I have big guppies and there are many guppies in each tank.

Water Changing Chart

Water Change amount	Type Of Water Change	Water Change Reason	Age Of The Guppy	Hose / Pump
30 percent	Syphoning	Weekly Maintenance	Any	Pump
30 percent	Over Flow Change	Weekly Maintenance	Any	Pump
10 percent	syphoning	Cleaning tank if Dirty	Any	Hose
50 percent	syphoning	Water used to set up a new tank	Any	Hose
60 percent	syphoning	Monthly Maintenance	Adult Males (6 months +)	Pump
80 – 90 percent	syphoning	Monthly Maintenance	Females (2 months +)	Pump
70 – 80 percent	syphoning	Monthly Maintenance	Young (2 – 5) months	Pump



Self-Priming Granger Utility Pump (360 GPH)



Aquarium Siphon Hose