

# TIC End of Year Clean Up

At the end of the TIC season, it is important to clean the aquarium set-up. Clean equipment lasts longer.

<b>AQUARIUM</b>	
1	Turn off equipment. Empty aquarium almost all the way using the siphon kleen. Then remove gravel.
2	Finish emptying the aquarium and disconnect all tubing.
3	Use solution: 1 part chlorine bleach (Clorox-unscented) and 10 parts water, wipe down interior and exterior of aquarium. You can also use 1 part white vinegar to 5 part water solution. A soft sponge can be used to scrub hard to remove scale and algae growth. For stubborn scale/algae, use a safety razor.
4	Use the same solution to clean out the tubing (clean tubes using long brushes purchased at any pet shop.)
5	Rinse the aquarium to remove any chlorine/vinegar and wipe dry with clean cloth, or let air-dry
6	Gravel and any driftwood: rinse thoroughly and dry by laying out on a cloth or towel in the sun. Gravel can also be sterilized with the Clorox/vinegar solution, but <b>MUST</b> be rinsed thoroughly and completely dried. <b>DO NOT</b> use Clorox/vinegar solution on driftwood.
7	Place gravel and driftwood inside the aquarium and store it in a safe place. Cover the top with any dust-proof covering.
<b>CHILLER: Drop-in</b>	
1	Using bleach or vinegar solution and dedicated sponge, wipe off the stainless steel Freon tubing.
2	For difficult scale or build up, a small <b>PLASTIC</b> scrub brush can be used. <b>NEVER USE A WIRE BRUSH ON THESE TUBES.</b>
3	Remove dust and lint from the fins of the coolant tubing (the thin slats on the back of the chiller). This can be accomplished using a small vacuum cleaner, dusting cloth or soft bristle plastic dust brush. Your chiller will run more efficiently if you clean the lint and dust on a regular basis.
<b>405 FLUVAL CANISTER FILTER</b>	
1	Take apart your filter and scrub out the plastic parts with your 1:10 bleach solution or 1:5 vinegar solution.
2	Thoroughly rinse all filter media with regular water and dry them in the sun. Scrub ceramic cylinders until free of all debris. For most filters, it is suggested that you buy new filter cartridges.
3	When all components are dry, re-assemble the filter and store inside the aquarium.

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