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tideline aquatics newsletter

Tideline Aquatics Store Hours

Monday – Friday	11am-7pm
Saturday	10am-6pm
Sundays	1pm-5pm

OUT OF TOWN FOR THE HOLIDAYS? KEEP YOUR AQUARIUM HEALTHY WHILE YOU ARE AWAY……

Many of you will be headed to a relative's home at some point during the holiday season. This means leaving your aquarium alone often in the care of a novice or even someone that has never kept an aquarium before (at least successfully). There are a few options for your aquarium. You can purchase an automatic fish feeder. These units will dispense flake food or pellet food at set intervals daily. We suggest settings up an automatic fish feeder two or three days prior to you're leaving to ensure it is dispensing the desired amount of food and at the times you prefer. Placement of the auto-feeder is critical as well. Never place it in an area where an airstone or heavy water movement will be below the dispenser. Moisture will develop inside the food housing causing the food to clump up and not fall out of the dispenser. Instead, place it over a calm area of the aquarium.

Another option folks often use is the dry feeding blocks that are placed inside the aquarium. These can be trouble if not used properly. First, choose a quality feeding block that dissolves slowly. Also, place the feeder block in an area of the tank where the water flow is calm. These blocks work well for short trips away but should be avoided for extended trips away from home. When you return home, immediately remove any of the remaining feeder block from the aquarium as it can foul the water.

The best choice for your aquarium is to leave it in the care of a friend or neighbor with specific instructions on exactly what to do while you are away. Remember to be specific! Make a list of exactly what you need them to do for the aquarium. You can make things easy and safe for your caretaker by putting the aquarium lights on a timer (about $12.00). Set the timer so the aquarium lights will be on when the fish are to be fed. Setting the lights to go on and off automatically will keep the fish on a regular schedule and provide the correct lighting schedule for your live plants or reef aquarium. Measure out exactly what you want fed to your aquarium each visit and place the food in

separate containers for each days feeding. Remove the regular food containers from the area so your caretaker will not be tempted to feed more when they see the fish rush to the front of the aquarium. So often, the person caring for the aquarium while you are away over feeds the tank even though you showed them the correct amount of food. Fish rushing to the front of the aquarium misleads them into thinking they are starving during their care – a big mistake! Okay, the feeding issue is taken care of but don't forget about the water. The aquarium water will evaporate to some degree while you are gone. Instead of leaving them a bucket and water conditioner, you fill up top-off containers with water you have treated for adding to the aquarium. Show them (or mark a line) what level the water should be either in the aquarium or in the filter below if your aquarium uses a sump-style filter. If your aquarium requires any additives (calcium, iodide, plant fertilizers, etc), leave a list of exactly how much to add, how often, along with a measuring device for them to use.

Last, remember that you must keep the thermostat in the house set to a level that is safe for your aquarium. If the house gets too cold or hot while you are away, your aquarium animals will suffer the consequences. The aquarium heater can only do so much with temperature compensation. Keep the thermostat set where you would normally keep it when you are home! Leave your fish sitter an emergency number they can call in case something happens and they cannot get in touch with you. A Tideline Aquatics business card will give them someone to call if they have any questions concerning your aquarium. Have a fun trip out of town without the worry of how your aquarium will fare during your absence.

THE 2008 CHRISTMAS AQUARIUM GIVE-A-WAY BEGINS SOON!!

Even though the economy has drained out like a leaky aquarium, we will still be doing our once a year Christmas Aquarium Give-a-Way! Beginning the day after Thanksgiving, you will be able to enter your name for the drawing every time you visit Tideline Aquatics. Like always, there is no purchase necessary. That means if you want to drop by the store every day and add your name to the box, feel free to do so! You must fill out a Tideline entry form (no home-made entry slips folks) to enter the give-a-way. We draw a winner just before closing on Christmas Eve so come in and get your name in the entry box!

NEW PRODUCT AT TIDELINE:

Kordon's Tidy Tank

So many folks came in to purchase this new product that we ran out of stock! More just arrived today (Thursday) for those of you wanting to try this excellent new product. We extended the website coupon deal again this week for your convenience.

First, for those of you that hate to use chemicals in their aquarium, this is a completely natural product consisting of specific bacteria that target organic matter in the aquarium. These bacteria break-down sludge in the gravel and debris in your filters (power filters, canister filters, refugiums and wet dry filters) resulting in a cleaner environment for your aquatic animals. Unlike many chemical oxidizing organic removal products, Tidy Tank will not drop the pH of the water or reduce oxygen levels. This product improves water quality, reduces aquarium odors and extends the life of your filter materials. A 16oz bottle treats 480 gallons. Tidy Tank should be added to the aquarium about every two weeks to perform at its best. This product should be refrigerated after opening. You can read more on

this product at: www.novalek.com – Refer to product number 39666.

FEATURED FRESHWATER FISH: OTOCINCLUS DWARF ALGAE EATERS

OTOCINCLUS AFFINIS

I know you are looking at this fish and saying "not too pretty" but the Otocinclus is not added to an aquarium for its beauty. The Otocinclus is added due to its love for algae! This fish only reaches about 1" in length and spends the entire day munching on algae in the aquarium. Otocinclus are safe for live plant aquariums and are small enough to clean even the smallest of leaves (plastic plants too!). These fish have been finicky in the past but now we are stocking the hardier Florida bred version instead of the more delicate wild-collected Otocinclus. Preferring soft water and peaceful tankmates, Otocinclus make an excellent choice for the community aquarium for algae control. Because they do not grow large, they make a great choice even for small aquariums that need an algae eating fish. Otocinclus are schooling fish in the wild and prefer to be kept in groups of at least three or more in the aquarium. These fish are not nocturnal like plecostomus, instead eating algae during the daylight hours.

WHATS NEW AT tideline aquatics?

FEEDERS (ALL IN STOCK!!!!):
Ghost Shrimp, Guppies, Goldfish, Rosy Redds, Crayfish, Fiddler Crabs.
NOTE: Live Black Worms nearly all arrived DOA (dead on arrival)! We were able to save just a small amount of these meaning we have extremely limited quantities available.

FRESHWATER FISH:
Livebearers – Mickey Mouse Sunburst Platies, Red Wag Platies, Sunburst Platies, Redtail Dalmation Platies, Mickey Mouse Candy Swordtails, Super Nice Sailfin Mollie Pairs, NEW! Santa Claus Swordtails, Gold Crescent Platies, Multi-Color Fancy Guppy Pairs, Red Velvet Swordtails, Dalmation Mollies, Gold Dust Mollies, Black Yucaton Mollies.

Catfish/Loaches/Plecostomus – Beautiful Corydoras Burgessi Catfish, Dwarf Rubber Plecostomus, Tank Bred! Otocinclus Algae Eaters, Botia Striata Loaches, Albino Corydoras Catfish, Arcuatus (Skunk) Corydoras Catfish, Medium Siamensis Flying Fox Algae Eaters, Tank Bred Bushynose Plecostomus, L007 Dracula Plecostomus, Pygmy Corydoras Catfish, Horseface Loaches, Hypostomus Plecostomus, Chinese Butterfly Sucker Loaches, Golden Marble Chinese Algae Eaters, 5" Clown Loaches, Common Plecostomus.

Brackish – Knight Gobies, Bumble Bee Gobies, Green Scatophagus, Tank Bred Mono Sebae, Tank Bred Mono Argentius, Figure Eight Pufferfish.

Tetras / Rasboras / Barbs / Danios – Lemon Tetras, Zebra Danios, Longfin Leopard Danios, Longfin Zebra Danios, Longfin White Cloud Mountain Minnows (awesome), Tank Bred Cardinal Tetras, Zebra Danios, Rummynose Tetras, Large Neon Tetras, Orange Von Rio Tetras (beautiful), Electric Green Glo-fish, Sunburst Orange Glo-fish, Longfin Black Skirt Tetras, Red Serpae Tetras, Bloodfin Tetras, Scissortail Rasboras, Harlequin Rasboras, Male Longfin Rosy Barbs, Lg Congo Tetras, Red Phantom Tetras, Red Starfire Glofish Danios, Tiger Barbs, Medium Silver Dollars, White Cloud Mountain Minnows, Green Fire Tetras, Bleeding Heart Tetras.

Gouramis / Bettas – Female Bettas, Pearl Leeri Gouramis, Neon Dwarf Gouramis, Rainbow Dwarf Gouramis, Male Show Bettas, Powder Blue Dwarf Gouramis, Pink Kissing Gouramis, Red Paradise Gouramis, Opaline Gouramis, Small and M/L Leopard Ctenopoma, Red Flame Dwarf Gouramis, Gold Gouramis.

Cichlids (Dwarf, South American, African) – Geophagus Surinamensis Earth Eaters, Assorted S/M Peacock Cichlids, Demasoni Cichlids,

Green Severums, Black "Inkfin" Calvus Cichlids, Black Lace Angelfish, Gold Veil Angelfish, Koi Angelfish, Zebra Lace Veil Angelfish, German Blue Rams (few), Festae Cichlids, Lg Albino Compressicep Cichlids, Baby Peacock Bass, Livingstoni African Cichlids, Golden Rock Kribensis Cichlids, Altispinosa Bolivian Rams, S/M Jaguar Cichlids, M/L Jaguar Cichlids, Electric Blue Jack Dempseys, Small Oscars, Medium Striated Pike Cichlids, S/M Orange Pike Cichlids, Rare Metae Cichlids, Small Jaguar Cichlids, Assorted Medium Peacock Cichlids, Lg Male Electric Blue Ahli Cichlids, Medium Firemouth Cichlids, Green Terror Cichlids, XL Wild Caught Altum Angelfish (Nice), Assorted Small Standard Angelfish, Julidichromis Cichlids, Assorted Premium Mbuna African Cichlids, Texas Cichlids, Telmatochromis brichardi Cichlids, Daffodil Brichardi Cichlids, Male Otopharynx Lithobates Cichlids.

Other – M/L Tiretrack Eels, Red Crystal Algae Shrimp, Black Tiger Algae Shrimp, Rainbow Algae Shrimp, Orange Bee Algae Shrimp, Blackberry Shrimp, Clown Knives, Elipsifer Eel (stunning), Large Tiretrack Eel, Dwarf African Frogs, Lg Black Ghost Knife, Freshwater Flounders, Rainbow Sharks, Redtail Black Sharks, Leporinus Fasciatus, Roseline Denisonii Sharks, African Butterflyfish, Medium Silver Arowanas, Lg Silver Arowanas, XL Clown Knifefish, Yellowtail Spiny Eels, African Ropefish, Chinese Algae Eaters, Bala Sharks, Olive Nerite Snails, Medium Silver Dollars, Electric Green, Red Starfire & Orange Glo-fish, Red Cherry Shrimp.

German Stendker Discus – Green Turquoise, Red Turquoise, Marlboro Reds, Blue Diamonds, Silver Pigeon Bloods, Red Pigeon Bloods, Red Snakeskins, Blue Cobalts. These fish are in perfect condition!!

Goldfish – Red Cap Orandas, Medium Assorted Orandas, Large Assorted Orandas, Assorted Ryunkin Fantails, Small Assorted Fantails, Small Black Moors.

Koi, Pond Fish and Pond Plants –
XL and Jumbo Domestic Koi, Small Koi, Medium Koi, Medium Butterfly Koi (few), Shubunkins (few), Md Pond Comets.

The list above represents only the most recent livestock shipment. We have MANY other species available at the store!

SALTWATER FISH:

Angels / Butterflyfish – Juvenile Koran Angelfish, Eiblii Angelfish, Lemon Peel Angelfish, Yellow Dwarf Angelfish, Half Black Angelfish, Flame Angelfish, Raccoon Butterflyfish, Asfur Angelfish, Coral Beauty Angelfish, Super Rare Blueline Angelfish.

Clownfish – Ocellaris Clownfish, XL Tank Bred Ocellaris Clownfish, Maroon Clownfish, Xanthurus Clownfish, Gold Bar Maroon Clownfish, Pair True Black Ocellaris Clownfish (incredible!), Sebae Clownfish, Orange Skunk Clownfish, Tank Bred Tomato Clownfish, Baby Tank Bred Ocellaris Clownfish.

Gobies / Blennies – Blue Spotted Jawfish, Starry Algae Blennies, Algae Blennies, Orange Barred Torpedo Gobies, Blue/Green Torpedo Gobies, Dusky Jawfish, Atlantic Sailfin Blennies, Cool Dwarf Rose Gobies, Purple Firefish Gobies, Blue Mandarin Dragonettes, Klausewitz Blenny, Clown Gobies, Redhead Gobies, Adult and Juvenile Engineer Gobies, Golden Midas Blennies, Eyelash Blennies, Firefish Gobies, Yellowtail Mozambique Fang Blennies, Fiji Yellow Citron Clown Gobies, Bluefin Watchman Gobies.

Wrasses / Hogfish – Sixline Wrasses, Dragon Wrasses, Lime Green Banana Wrasse, Barred Thicklip Wrasse (very cool!), Harlequin Tuskfish (small), Diana Hogfish, Yellow Coris Wrasses, Candy Hogfish, RARE Yellow Pedito Hogfish, Twelve Line Wrasses.

Tangs / Rabbitfish – Powder Brown Tangs, Yellow Eye Kole Tangs, Clown Tangs, Hawaiian Large Naso Tang, Powder Blue Tangs, Hawaiian Yellow Tangs, Orangefin Tangs, Sailfin Tangs, Foxface Rabbitfish, Small Blue Regal Tangs.

Triggerfish / Eels / Puffers – Dogface Pufferfish, Valentini Pufferfish, Hawaiian Humu Triggerfish, Bluejaw Triggerfish, Rectangulus Triggerfish, Small Clown Triggerfish, M/L Clown Triggerfish, Bursa Triggerfish, Chainlink Moray Eels, Large Banded Moray Eel, S/M Snowflake Moray Eels, Green Wolf 'Eel', Niger Triggerfish.

Lionfish – Fuzzy Dwarf Lionfish, Baby Black Volitan Lionfish, Medium Black Volitan Lionfish, Dwarf Lionfish.

Other – Kauderni Cardinalfish, Panther Groupers, Blue Spotted Jawfish, Yellow Goatfish, Bicolor Goatfish, Village Belle Damselfish, Dusky Jawfish, Large Big Eye Squirrelfish, Red Striped Squirrelfish, Pajama Cardinalfish, Hawaiian Banded Hawkfish, Flame Hawkfish, Bicolor Pseudochromis, Assorted Damselfish, Bartlett's Anthias, Black Cardinalfish, Marine Betta, Gold Striped Cardinalfish, Neon Velvet Damselfish, Green Mandarin Dragonettes, New Red Pseudochromis, Miniatus Grouper (baby and large).

INVERTEBRATES:

Snails / Cucumbers / Starfish / Urchins – Mexican Turbo Snails, XL Sifting Nassarius Snails, Chocolate Chip Starfish, Algae Eating Tuxedo Urchins, Common Serpent Starfish, Strombus Conch Snails, Basket Starfish, Common Sifting Cucumbers, Banded Serpent Starfish, Caribbean Turbin Snails, Cerith Snails, Bahama Starfish, Green Brittle Starfish.

Crustaceans – Anemone Shrimp, Sally Lite Foot Crabs, Anemone Crabs, Small Sifting Horseshoe Crabs, Scarlet Atlantic Reef Hermits, Pom Pom Crabs, Blueleg Reef Hermits, Arrow Crabs, Reef Lobsters, Common Pistol Shrimp, Cleaner Shrimp, Red Fire Shrimp, Evil Peacock Mantis Shrimp, Redtip Reef Hermits, Emerald Crabs, Coral Banded Shrimp.

Corals / Polyps / Mushrooms – Rainbow Mixed Polyp Rocks, Devils Hand Leather Corals, Orange Zoanthids, Green Zoanthids, Orange Pavona Maldivensis Coral, Cultured Montipora Digita Corals, Fiji Wild Acropora Corals, XL Super Metallic True Frogspawn Coral, Branching Hammer Corals, Bubble Corals, Unusual Fungia Plate Coral, Favites Super Brain Coral, Super Metallic Scolymia Coral, Ultra Platygyra Worm Brain Coral, Super Red Mushroom Rocks, Green Flower Mushroom Rocks, Bullseye Mushroom Rocks, Caribbean Coralimorph Mushroom Polyps, Green Pineapple Favia Coral, Green Metallic Star Polyp Rocks, Show Size Star Polyp Rocks, Tubastrea Orange Sun Polyp Rocks, Elegant Moon Button Polyp Rocks, Super Show Size Metallic Wall Hammer Coral, Super Show Size Multi-Color Branching Frogspawn Corals, Medium Assorted Color Frogspawn Corals, Gold Torch Corals, Candy Caulestrea Corals, Long Tentacle Plate Coral, Leptastrea Brain Corals, Super Blue Mushroom Rocks, Blasstomussa Corals, Pink Fungia Plate Coral, Toadstool Leather Corals, Green Trachyphilia Corals, Red Trachyphilia Corals, Green Scolymia Vitiensis Corals, Orange Scolymia Vitiensis Corals, Cultured Acroporas, Assorted Indo Mushroom Rocks.

Other – Green Bubble Anemones, 3" Squamosa Clams, 3" Teardrop Maxima Clams, 3" Blue Crocea Clams, Flowering Rock Anemones, Pink Tip Caribbean Anemones, Yellow Sea Fans, Pink/Red Feather Dusters, Super Nice Fancy Gorgonian Sea Fans, Long Tentacle Anemones, Sebae Anemones, M/L Blue Crocea Clams, Nice Common Feather Dusters, Red Hard Tube Coco Worm Dusters.

We are nearly out of live rock at this time. Our supplier will not receive more rock until the week of Thanksgiving.

This list is based on our most recent shipments of saltwater livestock. There are many other species available in the store not included in this list.