

TIPS & TRIX BUBBLE TUBES

Fill it up !

To the Bubble tubes that contains small balls that sink in the tube and then gets sucked up through a column again, it is important to fill the tubes with so much water that the surface goes above the inner tube where the balls pass.

To the bubble tubes that you pour small plastic fishes into, the level of water is important for the fishes to function at their fullest. Fill the tank up to the mark. If there isn't any, the surface should be up to the lid.

It can take a while for the bubble tubes to reach full capacity, it is not unusual for a fish or two to have a slow start and stay at the top or bottom for a while.



Water

You can use tap water but will perhaps need to empty more often. As soon as the water starts to turn a little dark the water will need to be emptied and clean water added. If algae build up it will block the valves and stop the bubbles.

We recommend boiled but cooled water in the bubble tubes (distilled). Distilled water can be used in the tubes but will still need cleaning. Boiled water contains no bacteria that can cause foul-smelling water or fouling. But just because you boil the water, you don't get rid of the limescale. In the Nordic countries we have good water quality, so this recommendation is probably directed at other countries where the water quality may be worse.

Deionized/battery water is both clean but also lacks ions/salts, e.g. calcium (limestone). Therefore, you don't get lime deposits in the bubble tube and maybe this extends the life of the tube (pump etc. works better). But it's expensive!

You can add just a drop of dish soap as well to the tube. And keep an eye on the surface if it evaporates or splashes so that you add some more water if the surface drops.

Clean the tube

First of all, pull the plug. Use warm water, and very little mild detergent. Depending how dirty it gets, either leave to soak or just swirl the water around a little and then tip it out again. If it is very dirty you may need to rinse and soak several times. Make sure it is warm water and not hot water.

Safety first !

Please fasten the tubes with a holder.

If the tube overturns, it can hurt somebody, cause the electricity to stop working and it is a lot of water to soak up.

