

Live fish buying checklist

Five questions to answer before ordering live fish online

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1. What exactly am I buying, and how large will it become?

Confirm the common and scientific name, adult size, and expected lifespan.

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2. Can my aquarium support its physical, social, and water-quality needs?

Check tank size, water parameters, compatibility, diet, and group size.

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3. Is the species legal at my destination?

Check current local, state, federal, and import requirements before ordering.

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4. Will I be ready to receive, document, and quarantine it?

Prepare for delivery day, photos, acclimation, isolation, and observation.

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5. Do I understand the current shipping and live-arrival terms?

Read the seller's current shipping, delay, refund, and live-arrival policies.

Notes