



# Daily and Monthly Tasks

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## Daily ~10-30 minutes

You will be feeding your 3-6" or up to 6 months old axolotl every day and should offer food twice daily. A mix of pellets and earthworms is recommended. You may need to cut the worms to about the size of their head/~1 inch until your axolotl will eat a whole worm without cutting.

At 6"/6 months old you can feed once daily. At some point, usually after your axolotl is 12 months old, they may move to eating every 2-3 days. This is different for every axolotl.

You will need to remove waste (poop) daily and uneaten food within 10-30 minutes of feeding using an aquarium (turkey) baster.

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## Weekly ~30 minutes

Once cycled, you only need to test your water parameters weekly or if your axolotl look ill/behaves irregularly.

You will do a weekly water change of 10-50% depending on nitrate levels. (If tank is too small and filtration too low, you will do multiple water changes each week.)

You may need to do one filter maintenance during this time, e.g. cleaning the sponge filter in old tank water or replacing a single filtration media in the HOB or cannister filter (only when worn out.) Never do all of these at once! Space out each replacement and cleaning.

Example Timeline:

1<sup>st</sup> week monthly: Swish sponge filter in old tank water

2<sup>nd</sup> week as needed: Replace absorbent media (carbon/purigen)

3<sup>rd</sup> week monthly: Clean or replace HOB foam filter (only if falling apart)

4<sup>th</sup> week monthly: Cannister filter maintenance



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