

# Prepare for your new Koi

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Please follow our recommendations on how to prepare for your Koi shipment from sc-koi.com to ensure the safety and health of your beautiful new Koi.

5-7 days before the shipment is due to arrive you should prepare the pond or tank to create optimal conditions for the new Koi. Below you will find a list of recommendations we would like you to follow:

- 1) The pond should be filled with new water that never got in contact with any Koi before.
  
- 2) The filter-system and oxygen-engine should start running for 5-7 days before the new Koi arrives to ensure good water quality and high oxygen levels.
  
- 3) The new Koi should stay in the transport bags. Put the full transport bags into the pond for 10-20 minutes, this way the Koi will slowly get used to the new water temperature. After the 10-20 minutes release the Koi into the pond or tank.
  
- 4) Should you be using special salt for Koi ponds we recommend 0.5% salt for the pond to reduce the risk of illness for the Koi (salt kills bacteria).
  
- 5) Once the Koi starts eating food do not feed too much as the Koi needs some time to get used to new kinds of food.
  
- 6) Hold the Koi in an isolated pond or tank for at least 2 weeks (4 weeks are recommended). We at sc-koi hold all our Koi in isolated ponds for at least one week prior to shipment.
  
- 7) The Koi should get some sunlight everyday (the more the better ) to keep the Koi healthy and in good shape. Further more the tank should not be too small. Not enough sunlight, too small sized tank/pond and poor water quality (often caused by leftover Koi food) are the main reasons for poor Koi health!