

TrueNute Startup Kit Instruction

Before you Begin

In short you need to do the following!

- [Water Test Kit](#) Everyone needs this.
- [Chlorine & Chloramines Remover](#)
- [Professional Water Test](#)
- Make sure your system has been running for at least a week to find leaks and any other issues.

Read below for explanations. Some of this you may not need.

There are a few things that need to be done before you begin using our start up kit which will help insure you have as few pitfalls as possible.

First and foremost, document everything. When you add a dose of anything make sure you mark it down with the date and how much was added, as well as any information you notice about your system that you may need to know later. If you add water, mark it down as it would be another clue that would help us diagnose any issue that comes up. This could be as simple as I still have a leak on this pipe, it could be an issue with one of the pumps or you could have an air pump issue, the point is “make” notes of everything. Air and water temperature will also be handy to track daily as it helps to diagnose any issues that arise down the road.

Make sure you have a good way to test your water for Ammonia, nitrite, nitrate, PH high and low range. [You can click here to see what we use.](#) We do not carry them, but this link will get one sent to your mailbox.

In all cases, we highly recommend that you have a water storage tank that will allow you to pretreat your water before you add it to the system, however this is not truly needed until after you add fish. You can use an IBC Tote which holds between 275 and 325 gallons in most cases. When we say pretreat, it has to do with chlorine removal or PH balancing of the water before it is added to the active system. This lowers the stress that can be put on fish when you top off the system or must do a large water change if it is indicated.

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[We also offer professional water testing you can click here to view more information about that.](#) This test is not for day-to-day testing.

One thing that this water test will do for you is give you a baseline of where your system is at or your tap water depending on where your water comes from. Just another useful tool to help you increase your return on investment not just for your family but if you're selling commercially as well.

If you have chlorine or chloramines in your water, it will need to be removed before bacteria will start to colonize the new aquaponic system. The remover that we offer "[Chlorine & Chloramines Remover](#)" is used by prized Koi producers meaning this is a very safe for the ecosystem you are creating.