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Filamentous Algae



This menace is not a disease, of course, but a low form of vegetable life which competes with higher plant forms in the aquarium, often smothering those plants, decor rocks, the sandy bottom and even anchoring onto the glass sides. Light control is often the best approach to keep the rampant growth at bay, but the trick is to ensure the higher aquarium plants are kept clear and healthy, while removing as much of the thread algae as possible by hand. Because the plants and the algae compete for the same elements, if one triumphs the other will normally wilt away. So by helping the plants in their quest you will increase the chances of eliminating the algae. Control is easier to achieve in the aquarium than in the garden pool, of course, and the outdoor pond needs some chemical treatment to succeed with control. But at the end of the day, the same rule applies, and where a good healthy growth of submerged aquatic plants is established in the garden pool there is a much greater chance of having little or no thread algae problem.

If you've identified this in your tank, please call us and we will be happy to talk through remedies with you.