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Safe and unsafe woods and plants for an aquarium

Safe woods for use in an aquarium

- **Alder**
- **Apple**
- **Beech**
- **Birch**
- **Cherry**
- **Hawthorn**
- **Heather**
- **Oak**
- **Pear**
- **Sycamore**

Unsafe woods not suitable for use in an aquarium

- **Cedar (avoid anything evergreen/coniferous)**
- **Cypress**
- **Grape vine – this rots very quickly**
- **Horse chestnut**
- **Lilac – this is poisonous**
- **Ivy – this is poisonous**
- **Pine**
- **Spruce**
- **Walnut**
- **Yew – this is toxic**

<u>Aquarium safe plants.</u>

Most common indoor plants used for water purification in aquariums:

- **Golden pothos (Epipremnum pinnatum, syn. Scindapsus aureus)**
- **Umbrella papyrus (Cyperus alternifolius)**
- **Climbing fig (Ficus pumila)**
- **Split-leaf Philodendron (Monstera deliciosa)**
- **Lucky bamboo (Dracaena sanderiana)**
- **Syngonium species.**