

FONTINALIS MOSS Caresheet

(Fontinalis Antipyretica)

Plant difficulty: EASY – Fontinalis Moss is the perfect aquarium plant for beginners

Fontinalis Moss description

Fontinalis genus and species are freshwater aquarium mosses, classified in the Bryidae subclass. Fontinalis moss, also commonly known as Willow Moss and Water Moss, are **native to** the rivers, ponds, and streams of North America. This aquatic moss can withstand still and moving water, making it suitable for ponds or aquarium tanks.

PetWave has [Fontinalis topiary balls](#), [Fontinalis Moss attached to terracotta urns](#), [Fontinalis Moss on rocks](#), and, [Fontinalis Moss on driftwood](#) for sale Australia. Fontinalis Moss balls make a great addition to the foreground and background of aquariums, as it will grow to form a lush dark green aquarium carpet. Fontinalis Moss as an aquarium plant attached driftwood or rock is the perfect centrepiece to any aquarium aquascape. Whatever position takes your fancy, it is important to ensure this live aquatic plant moss remains fully submerged in aquarium water.

Where is Fontinalis Moss banned?

Due to government environmental restrictions, PetWave **cannot** send the live aquarium plant, Fontinalis Moss, to Western Australia.

Benefits of Fontinalis Moss in a planted aquarium

The thin leaves of Fontinalis Moss aquarium plants provide shade and hiding space for small [tropical fish](#), [shrimp](#), and fish eggs. **Fontinalis Moss is the perfect aquarium plant for shy fish!** Due to its ability to withstand a wide variety of growing conditions, and cool water temperatures, Fontinalis Moss is popular in aquariums that home cold water aquarium fish, such as [goldfish](#). Fontinalis Antipyretica also helps aerate your tank with oxygen, leading to healthy fish and overall high water quality. Find out even more secret [benefits of live aquarium plants](#) vs artificial aquarium plants.

Fontinalis Moss care

Fontinalis growing conditions

Regular aquarium water [pH tests](#), and appropriate pH control [water treatment](#), are recommended to level between 6.0 – 8.0, particularly when setting up a new aquarium.

While the temperature range for growing Fontinalis water moss in an aquarium is broad, a [glass aquarium thermometer](#) will help monitor the temperature of your planted aquarium.

To boost the nutrients and benefits of having a Fontinalis aquatic moss, a liquid [aquarium plant fertiliser](#) should be used at least every two weeks.

How to dispose of Fontinalis Moss aquarium and pond moss

Introduced aquarium plants can cause [significant damage to Australia's natural ecosystem](#). Never dispose of Fontinalis Moss where they could be washed into natural waterways or drains. Seal aquarium moss in a plastic bag and dispose in a garbage bin.

Temperature	10 – 28°C
Light	Low / Medium
Ph range	6.0 – 8.0
Growth speed	Slow



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How to plant Fontinalis Moss in an aquarium

Fontinalis Willow Moss substrate

It is important to provide a layer of substrate at the bottom of your aquarium tank for your Fontinalis Moss to latch onto. Substrate is any form of loose material that an aquarium plants roots can grow in.

Can Fontinalis Moss grow in soil? - Can Fontinalis Moss grow in gravel?

The aquatic moss Fontinalis can grow in a variety of substrate such as, [pebbles, gravel, sand](#), or aquarium soil. Separate your Fontinalis Moss topiary ball into 4 – 6 pieces and wedge into your chosen aquarium substrate. Fontinalis Moss's most common usage is attached to hardscapes, and aquarium ornaments. Find out more information aquascaping in our [how to set up a planted aquarium guide](#).



How to attach Fontinalis Moss to driftwood - How to attach Fontinalis Moss to rock

Using a thin piece of cotton, or thin fishing line, tie a piece of Fontinalis Moss to your chosen driftwood or rock.



Do I need to trim Fontinalis Moss

Use a pair of sharp scissors to style and trim your Fontinalis Moss aquarium plant by cutting off the edges of the moss plant. As Fontinalis Moss is small, it is recommended that you remove the plant from its aquarium to trim. If pruned in a tank, the small cut-offs may drift, root, and grow new moss in an undesired location. Trim as required to achieve your preferred aquascape. Fontinalis aquarium moss should be given a couple of weeks to attach to substrate or hardscape and settle before trimming.

How to Propagate Fontinalis Willow Moss

Fontinalis Moss is propagated by division. Using sharp scissors separate a desired section of moss. You can attach this cut-off to an aquarium decoration or replant in substrate to form a lush green carpet.

[Aquarium tongs](#) are a helpful tool when planting, handling, trimming, and replanting Fontinalis aquarium moss without putting your hands and arms in the tank.