

EARLEY LAB FISH FEEDING INSTRUCTIONS

All members of the Earley lab collaborate to maintain the fish colony and perhaps one of the most important aspects of fish husbandry is *feeding!* Helping to feed the fish keeps them healthy and happy, and thus keeps our research program healthy and productive! Each student will be required to feed approximately one-third of the colony 3-5 x per semester. Students should carve out a couple of hours for the first time. After that, it'll take ~1 hour to complete the task, especially since we have many fewer animals than in past semesters.

We feed our fish brine shrimp *nauplii* (baby sea monkeys) that are brewed fresh each day.

Remember that Dr. Earley had to institute a policy due to numerous missed feedings – individuals who miss two feedings (during their entire tenure in the Earley lab!) will be dismissed from the laboratory no questions asked. Please don't take this to mean that your 1st miss is a “freebie” – we must feed every day!

It is virtually impossible to describe the nuances of feeding the fish in this document so, if you are new to the process, please contact Dr. Earley or the graduate students at least a couple of weeks in advance of your feeding assignment to schedule a training session during your 1st feeding assignment. **Bring a pen and paper to the training session, and snap pictures if you wish...the protocol must be followed closely!**

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- **Food will be prepared by 9 am daily (do not arrive beforehand with the expectation that food will be ready!)**
- **Plan to finish by 5 pm**
- **Please allow yourself enough time (avoid showing up at 4-4:30 without alerting me or the graduate students!)**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND SET ALERTS! IT IS ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL THAT THE FISH GET FED EACH DAY!