

Daily

1. Replenish food and water in the crabarium
2. Rinse and dry seasponge, alternate with 2nd sponge
3. Remove any foodstuffs from the substrate
4. Check for signs of problems: bacteria, mould etc
5. Monitor temperature and humidity levels

Weekly

1. Bathe your crabs and allow them to dislodge foodstuffs and waste from within their shells.
2. Lower your now wet hermit crab into a drying off area before returning them to the crabarium. This helps to reduce the possibility of sand or bedding to stick to the legs and shell of your hermit crab, making him much more comfortable and keeping your hermie's home dry and cosy.
3. Give the sides of the tank a good wipe-down with moistened paper towels and check the condition of the substrate. Clean if needed.
4. Rotate the shells within the crabarium.

Monthly

1. Clean out the crabarium. This means, remove everything from the tank. I usually take my hermies out first, then the driftwood tree, dishes, rocks and shells.
2. Next, empty the sand into a large colander with small holes and stir and rinse out the substrate until the water runs clear.
3. Wipe out the crabarium with a clean cloth, soaked in vinegar diluted with water 1:1 to fight bacteria. Put the still wet crabarium out in the sun to dry, along with the colander of substrate spread out in a shallow paint tray.
4. Wash out the bowls, shells and any climbing toys, while your hermit crabs are exploring in a safe, inescapable place before returning the crabs to their now sparkling clean home.