

Top Tips for Great Growth

- Set your Light Hood/Grow Lights to the lowest position when starting a new Seed Pod Kit.
- Always keep your Grow Lights as close to your plants as possible, taking care to trim back the tallest plants so they do not actually touch the Grow Lights. As they mature, plants should be 1 - 2 inches below Grow Lights.
- Replace your CFL Grow Lights every 6 months for maximum growth and harvests. LED Grow Lights have a 3 - 5 year life span.
- Be brave enough to prune. Pruning promotes greater health, larger harvests, and more beautiful plants. Always try to prune/harvest just above a new leaf set as seen in diagram A.
- Plants will grow into each other's space and block light. To keep all plants in your garden healthy, trim back the leaves from the sides of the plant as seen in diagram B.
- Harvest frequently to maintain a healthy garden, but take no more than 1/3 of any plant at a time.
- For best growth, keep water level near the fill line. Don't wait for the 'Add Water' alert!
- AeroGarden plants love a fresh water bath! For extra care, you may empty the water out of your bowl every other feeding time (once monthly) and refill with fresh cool water and then add nutrients.
- If mixing different types of Seed Pods together in one garden, remember to prune faster growing plants from the top so the Light

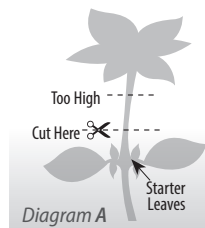


Diagram A

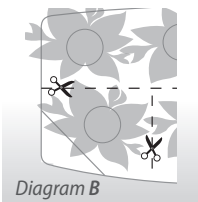


Diagram B

Hood remains at the lowest position until all plants are well established.

- Tomatoes should not be mixed with other plants, as they spread out substantially as they grow. Other smaller plants will not get enough light and nutrient to grow well with tomatoes.
- As your plants grow, you may see some dead or brown leaves, especially at the lower part of the plant. This is perfectly normal. Remove these leaves with scissors or pinch them off with your fingers.
- Little bugs can find their way to your garden by riding in on clothing, on other plants or produce, or through an open window or door. If you find some unwanted guests, spray your plants with water to wash them off. Make sure you spray UNDER the leaves as bugs usually reside there. For more persistent pests, an insecticidal soap may be used.

Tips for Herbs

- Basil is usually the first seed to sprout and it grows rapidly. Harvest basil (and any other fast-growing herbs) to keep them an inch or two below the lights, and avoid raising the Light Hood until all other plants are well established.
- Some herbs, such as chives, thyme, and oregano grow slowly and often get shaded by faster growing plants. Create space for slow-growing plants by pruning surrounding plants.

Tips for Salads

- Salads prefer cool temperatures below 72 degrees. When growing salads, take care to keep your garden away from sunny windows that might increase the temperature.
- To harvest, remove whole leaves by cutting the base of the leaf with scissors or shears, or by gently pinching off with your fingers. Spread your harvest evenly across your garden.

Tips for Tomatoes & Peppers

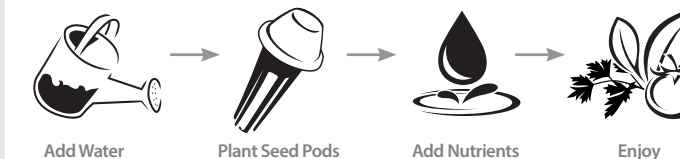
- When plants are about 2 inches tall, check each Seed Pod for multiple plants. Using shears, gently snip the smallest plants at the base of the stem, leaving just ONE healthy plant in each pod.
- Start pollinating your plants regularly once they begin to flower. With the Grow Lights on, GENTLY shake your plants from side to side. You may also pollinate by placing a fan in front of the garden, or use our 'Be the Bee Pollinator' to release and spread pollen from flower to flower.
- Your plants should begin to produce fruit in about 6 - 8 weeks. Plants that are slow to produce fruit may benefit from a "rinse and refill." Empty the water from the bowl and refill with fresh, cool water and fresh nutrients. Remember to reset your nutrient timer afterward.
- Heavy fruit can cause your vegetable plants to topple over – support them with wooden skewers or chopsticks, or try the AeroGarden Trellis System or Soft Ties.
- Don't worry if you need to trim some flowers and/or fruit from the plant; it will produce more after pruning.

Tips for Flowers

- When flowers are 2" tall, check each Seed Pod for multiple plants. Using scissors or shears, gently snip the smallest plants at the base of the stem, leaving no more than 3 plants in each Pod.
- Wilted or dead flowers should be removed often for continued flower production.
- Many flowers are slow to germinate, and some grow slowly once sprouted. Allow up to 3 weeks for seeds to sprout, and remember to keep the Light Hood low until all plants are well established. You will be rewarded with beautiful blossoms!



Seed Pod Kit Instructions



Add Water

Plant Seed Pods

Add Nutrients

Enjoy

First Seed Pod Kit?

Set up your garden using the Quick Setup Guide, then proceed to Seed Pod Kit Instructions on Page 2.

Already grown a Seed Pod Kit or two?

Follow the "Restarting Your AeroGarden" instructions on Page 5.

AeroGrow has a searchable online resource section. For more detailed information about growing in your AeroGarden, please visit: www.aerogardensupport.com
1-800-476-9669 customerservice@AeroGrow.com

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We also have an active Facebook Community that loves to answer questions at [facebook.com/aerogarden](https://www.facebook.com/aerogarden). "Like" us for special offers and community fun!

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Let's Plant Your AeroGarden

Just 3 Easy Steps!

Step 1 Add Water

- If growing in an *ULTRA* or *BOUNTY* model, press 'Quick Plant' button and follow on-screen instructions, then go to "Top Tips" on Pg 6.
- Add cool tap water or distilled water to the bowl to the 'Fill to Here' indicator. Do not use well water or softened water which may result in non-germination and/or poor growth.

Step 2 Plant Your Seed Pod Kit

Seed Pods are designed to fit in any AeroGarden model. Slight pressure may be needed to insert Pods fully in side openings of some models.

- If your AeroGarden has a plant 'Select' feature, set it to the plant type that best matches what you are growing.
- Plants grow best and look best if tall plants are in the back row, medium plants along the sides, and short plants are in front. Seed Pod labels often identify plant height to assist with placement of Pods.
- Seed Pod Kits for Tomatoes and Peppers may include fewer seeded Pods to make room for the large plant size. Leave empty spaces between pods to allow plenty of room for plants to spread out.
- Do not remove labels from Seed Pods. Labels identify plant type and plant height, show the germination time, and inhibit algae growth.
- Place Grow Domes over the Seed Pods. Leave the Domes on the Pods until plants nearly touch the Domes, then remove*.

Step 3 Feed Your Garden

Instructions for use of nutrients are printed on the nutrient package.

- Add nutrients directly into the water bowl at start-up, and when the 'Add Nutrient' reminder activates (every two weeks).
- Add only the amount recommended on the nutrient packaging. Do not overfeed!
- Always top off water level when adding nutrients. For best results, top off the water level in your garden regularly.

Congratulations!

You're on your way to a beautiful garden. For best results, please read "Top Tips for Great Growth" on Page 6.

* *Grow Domes can be reused or recycled.*

Planting Date:

 **SEED KIT LIMITED WARRANTY**

WHAT IS COVERED: This warranty covers defects in materials, workmanship, and germination of seeds for one year from date of purchase. AeroGrow may replace a non-germinating Seed Pod with another Seed Pod of its choosing. Call AeroGrow customer service at 1-800-476-9669 within 3 weeks of planting the seed kit for replacement of a non-germinating pod. WHAT IS NOT COVERED: This warranty shall not apply to problems arising from: growing in a system other than an AeroGarden, germination of seeds not provided by AeroGrow, failure to adhere to Seed Kit Instructions and/or Quick Start Guide, improper use, maintenance or storage of Seed Kit, or use of materials not provided by or recommended by AeroGrow in or on the plants grown. This warranty excludes all incidental or consequential damages. You may have other legal rights that vary from state to state.

Nutrient and Water Reminders

'Add Water' reminders reset automatically when water is added. On most models, 'Add Water' also activates automatically when 'Add Nutrient' activates as a reminder to top off water level when adding nutrients. Resetting 'Add Nutrient' will turn off both reminders.

If you are setting up your garden for the first time, there is no need to reset the nutrient timer.

The cap on your Nutrient bottle holds 4mL nutrients when filled to the rim. Use the cap to easily measure out the correct amount for your garden. Add Nutrients directly to the Water Bowl.

Nutrient Requirements	
AeroGarden 3 Pod Models	4 mL at start up and every 2 weeks
AeroGarden 6/7/9 Pod Models	8 mL at start up and every 2 weeks
Fast growing plants 12" or more in height	<i>After plants reach 12" in height:</i> 6/7/9 Pod models: Increase to 10 mL per feeding every 2 weeks
Houseplants	2 mL per gallon with weekly watering
Outdoor Gardens	4 mL per gallon added weekly to root zone

See flip side page 6 for Top Tips for Great Growth

Restarting Your AeroGarden

Step 1 Sanitize Your Garden

After each planting, you should clean and sanitize your AeroGarden to reduce the risk of root pathogens that can destroy your crop. Here's how:

- Fill the Bowl with water and add ¼ cup of chlorine bleach.
- Let the water pump or aerator circulate the bleach solution for five minutes.
- Empty the bleach solution from the bowl, rinse well, and then fill with clear water (no bleach).
- Allow the pump or aerator to circulate the clear water for 5 minutes.
- Empty and rinse once more to ensure that all bleach is removed.

OR without bleach

- Use 5 cups of distilled white vinegar instead of bleach and follow the instructions above.

Step 2 Reset Your Nutrient Timer

It is important to restart the nutrient timer before planting a new Seed Pod Kit. Refer to your user guide or your AeroGarden control panel for reset instructions.

Step 3 Set Your Light Hood to the Lowest Position

This is very important for best growth!

Step 4 Plant Your Seed Pod Kit

Proceed to Step 1 on Page 2.