

## Grow Anything Kit Instructions

The Grow Anything/Master Gardener kit lets you plant your own seeds or root cuttings in an AeroGarden. You can choose what you grow; you can experiment with tomato varieties, propagate houseplants or explore the colorful world of flowers. Each kit includes the supplies needed to plant and grow one to three custom gardens.

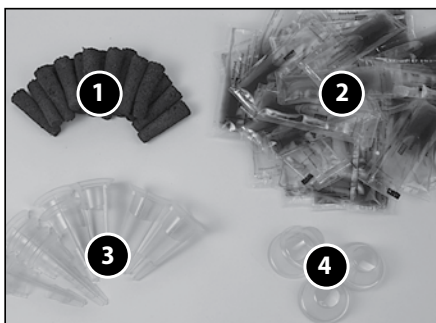
**W**hile the AeroGarden provides an ideal environment for growing plants, there are many decisions you need to make that will impact the success of your garden. This Guide will assist you in deciding what to plant and how to plant it, as well as advice on starting cuttings and basic plant care in the AeroGarden.

**NOTE:** AeroGarden pre-seeded kits give you the benefit of our years of research and selecting seeds that grow well in AeroGardens with good germination and appropriate plant height. Planting an AeroGarden with your own seeds or cuttings can be a bit of an experiment. We hope your efforts will be successful and you enjoy the discovery process.

**Whether this is the first or fifth garden you are planting in your AeroGarden, you will need to reference your Quick Start Guide.**

If you have planted a garden in your AeroGarden prior to this one, please refer to "Replanting Your AeroGarden" in the Quick Start Guide before you proceed.

If you no longer have your model's Quick Start Guide, you can obtain the latest version at [www.aerogardensupport.com](http://www.aerogardensupport.com)



### What's Inside:

1. Sponges
2. Nutrient Packs
3. Split-Apart Baskets
4. Domes

### Selecting Seeds

Here are a few guidelines you can use when choosing the plants you would like to grow in your AeroGarden:

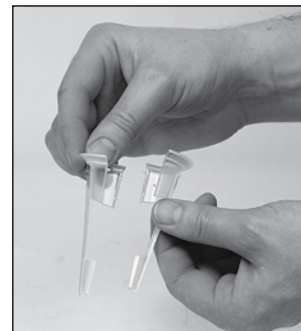
- The maximum height of the standard AeroGarden Lamp Hood is 12" from the Grow Surface and it is 24" for Deluxe, PRO200 and AeroGarden6 Elite+ models. Try plants that will not grow taller than this – or to choose plants that can be easily pruned to stay within this height restriction, such as basil.
- Plants that require very dry conditions and have very low water requirements, such as cactus and succulents, may not thrive in an AeroGarden.
- Tuberous plants, or root crops such as carrots, beets, potatoes or peanuts should not be planted in an AeroGarden.

### TIPS

- Dwarf or miniature varieties often work very well in the AeroGarden.
- Plants that need less light can thrive in AeroGardens if the light hood is kept on higher settings and well above the plants.

### Planting your Garden

- Assemble Split-Apart Baskets.
- Write the name of seeds or plant cutting on Label(s) with permanent marker.
- Preheat iron to a moderate temperature (between silk and cotton settings on most irons, 300°-400°F). **Do not use steam.**
- Place Pod Label on top of Split-Apart Basket. Iron for a total of 10 seconds.



Assembling Split-Apart Basket.

**WARNING:** Burns can occur from touching hot metal parts, hot water or steam. Extreme caution should be used near Children. Never leave iron turned on or unattended, especially when children are present.

### Seeds

1. Insert your seeds (seeds not included) in the Opening in the Grow Sponge using fingertips or tweezers. Plant several seeds per Grow Sponge.
2. Insert Grow Sponge into Split-Apart Basket.
3. Insert Grow Pods into Grow Surface Openings.
4. Place a Dome on each Grow Pod.
5. Add cool tap water or purified water to the Bowl to the "Fill to Here" indicator. Do not use well or softened water. The AeroGarden has a low water level indicator, but we encourage you to check the water level frequently and keep the Bowl full.
6. Add one nutrient pack, and press the "Reset" (hit "Select" instead on 3-Pod models) button.
7. Make sure that the Lamp Hood is at the lowest setting on the Lamp Arm.
8. If your garden has a "Plant Select" feature, set it to the correct plant type.

### TIPS

- All Grow Surface Openings should contain a Grow Pod or be covered either with an AeroGrow Plant Spacer or by a moisture-tolerant covering (e.g., plastic milk jug cap, poker chip or aluminum foil.)

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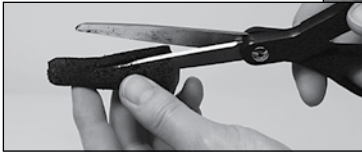
## Cuttings

"Cuttings" is the term used to describe rooting a piece of one plant to create an identical clone of that plant. Many plants, such as tomatoes, are very easy to clone. Some, such as woodier plants, require more effort and trial.

1. Saturate *Grow Sponge* with water.
2. Cut the *Grow Sponge* open lengthwise.
3. Place cutting in *Grow Sponge* and close.
4. Carefully push *Grow Sponge* (with cutting in place) through *Pod Label* and into *Split-Apart Basket*.
5. Insert assembled *Grow Pod* into *Grow Surface Opening*.



Placing cutting in *Grow Sponge*



Cutting *Sponge* lengthwise.

6. Add cool tap water or purified water to the *Bowl* to the "Fill to Here" indicator. Do not use well or softened water. The AeroGarden has a low water level indicator, but we encourage you to check the water level frequently and keep the *Bowl* full.
7. Add one nutrient pack, and press the "Reset" (hit "Select" instead on 3-Pod models) button.
8. Make sure that the *Lamp Hood* is at the lowest setting on the *Lamp Arm*.
9. If your garden has a "Plant Select" feature, set it to the correct plant type.

## TIPS

- New cuttings like high levels of humidity; mist them daily and cover them with a clear plastic container to hold in humidity.
- Some difficult species may be stimulated to root by treating them with root-promoting compounds.
- Try stripping some bark off woodier plants in the cutting area to stimulate rooting
- Check cuttings regularly and remove any unhealthy (rotten or dried up) plants. Use these plants as a guide to determine if the growing environment is too moist or too dry.
- Some cuttings may take weeks to show signs of root development

## Feeding

Feed your garden at start-up, and when the "Add Nutrient" light blinks (every two weeks). After feeding, reset the "Add Nutrient" light by clicking "Reset" once (hit "Select" instead on 3-Pod models). Always top off water level when adding nutrients.

Most gardens will need a combination of nutrient packets. Since we don't know what's growing in your AeroGarden, we can only offer some guidelines for deciding which nutrient packets to use. The chart below lists some common plant types, AeroGarden models and the required amount of nutrient.

### AeroGarden

Plant Type	3-Pod	6 and 7 Pod
Leafy greens and woody herbs	4ml-All Feedings 4 ml-First 2 Feedings	8 ml-All Feedings 8ml-First 2 Feedings
Basil, Fruiting and Flowering Plants	5.5 ml-All subsequent feedings	Two 5.5ml-All subsequent feedings

## Rinse and Refill

For optimal growth and to keep the water in your *Bowl* fresh and free of bacteria, rinse and refill at every other feeding.

1. Unplug AeroGarden.
2. Remove *Bowl* from *Base* and bring it to a sink.
3. Open lid and empty all water in the sink, or use a siphon for large gardens.
4. Fill *Bowl* with cool water to the "Fill to Here" indicator.
5. Carefully replace *Bowl* on *Base* and plug in AeroGarden.
6. Add nutrients and press "Reset" button (hit "Select" instead on 3-Pod models).

## Caring for your AeroGarden Plants

- Shortly after planting **Seeds** in your garden (2 days to 2 weeks), tiny plants will appear through the hole in each *Grow Pod Label*. When this occurs, remove *Domes* from each *Grow Pod* and save for your next Garden.
- Unless your plants require low light, keep your lights as close to your plants as possible (without burning them).
- It's best to keep all plant heights within 2 inches of each other. This allows shorter or slow-growing plants time to mature before the lights are raised.
- 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.

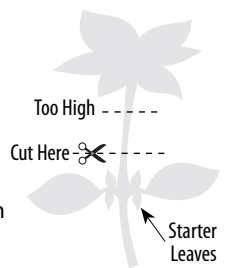


Diagram A

## Vegetables

- Many vegetables need a daily dark period to produce flowers and fruit. If your garden is in a place that receives any room light (natural or artificial), we recommend that you set your light(s) to be on during the day.
- Growing fruit can cause your vegetable plants to topple over - support them with bamboo stalks or try our Soft Ties or Trellis Systems.

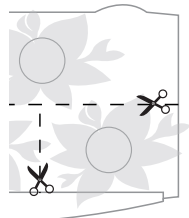


Diagram B

## Flowers

- When flowers are 2" (5cm) tall, check each Seed Pod for multiple plants. Using scissors, 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.

## Pests

- Little bugs can find their way to your garden by riding in on clothing or other plants. It is good to check your plants weekly for pests, or whenever you are harvesting. 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 tips about each plant type, and a more detailed tending guide, see our website [www.aerogardensupport.com](http://www.aerogardensupport.com).

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