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• Replace your CFL Grow Lights every 6 months for maximum growth and harvests. LED Grow Lights have a 3 - 5 year life span.
• Pasta & Tomatoes love a fresh water bath! For extra care, you may remove these leaves with scissors or pinch them off with your fingers.

Top 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.

Top Tips for Salads

• Salads prefer cool temperatures between 72 degrees. When growing salads, take care to keep your garden away from sunny windows that might increase the temperature.

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Top Tips for Tomatoes & Peppers

• When plants are about 2 inches tall, check each Seed Pod for multiple plants. Using scissors or 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 be 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 for plants. 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 about 2 inches 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 plants will keep growing, so 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!
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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.

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