Welcome to the world of indoor gardening!

The AeroGarden 3 SL Handy Quick Setup Guide shows you how to get started and provides everything you need to know about the AeroGarden 3 SL and also offers tendering and harvesting tips for your new garden.

2 Easy Steps
To Get Your AeroGarden Up and Growing

1. Install Grow Light into Lamp Hood
   - Push Grow Light straight into socket inside Lamp Hood
   - DO NOT TWIST LIGHT!
   - For optimal growth, replace Grow Lights every 6 months.

2. Set Bowl into Base
   - Check to be sure that Bowl is securely sealed on Air Coupling in Base.

CONGRATULATIONS!
Your garden is ready to grow.
It really is that easy!

For more details on planting, growing and harvesting your AeroGarden, please turn the page.

Place Your Garden...
- On a sturdy, water-resistant surface (metal surfaces may cause noise due to vibration)
- Under a space that allows 22” (56cm) clearance for the full height of raised lamp
- Near a standard electrical outlet, per local regulations
- In a 65-75°F (18-24°C) environment (optimal)
- Away from reach of children or pets
- Away from direct sources of heat (e.g., stove, furnace vents) or cold (e.g., window drafts, A/C vents)
- AeroGardens do not need additional light or a sunny window. In fact, too much direct sunlight can overheat your plants.

Use your hands to grasp Lamp Arm.

Gently slide AeroGarden 3 SL toward the surface edge and place other hand under Base.
**Control Panel Settings**

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**Gardening Tips for Maximum Harvests**

**PLANTING**
- Many Seed Pods are labeled for height. Grow garden and look at their best when all plants are placed in back openings, and short plants in front openings. If plants are at the same site, like salad greens, they can be planted anywhere.
- Do not remove labels from Seed Pods. The labels identify the plant type and plant height, show the germination time, and inhibit a vigorous growth.
- Grow Greens help regulate moisture and moderate for optimal growth. Leave them on until plants are nearly touching the domes.
- Seed Pod Kits for low-light plants like Tomatoes and Peppers often require fewer seed pods to compensate for the large plant size.

**GERMINATION**
- Some seed germination is better than 35%. Some take 24 days or more. Most labs give an estimate of how long your seeds will take to germinate but may not factor in any environmental factors.
- As a rule of thumb, if you're comfortable, so are your plants. However, plants are impacted by cold, warm, and dry conditions. Cold weather plants like Salad Greens germinate better in cooler temperatures. Most salads, Tomatoes, and Peppers will germinate faster in warmer temperatures (above 70%).
- Don't worry. While a small percentage of your seeds will germinate, your yield will still be successful.

**PRUNING**
- Prune your plants. Don't toss your leaves. You will achieve more compact, beautiful growth and harvests if you prune to keep the leaves closer to the plants in your garden. Fast-growing plants like Basil make pruners want to raise the leaves too soon. Remove: Pruning the plants just above a new leaf (leaf and 2 leaves below) before it has enough leaves. Pruning leaves will encourage new leaves and slow the demand for water and nutrients, which will eventually die off due to lack of light. Sprouting leaves must be trimmed regularly to keep the growth from becoming lanky.

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**WATER**
- To reduce the risk of electric shock, this appliance has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). This plug will fit in a polarized outlet only one way. If the plug does not fit fully in the outlet, reverse the plug. If it still does not fit, contact a qualified electrician to install the proper outlet. Do not change the plug in any way.

**CAUTION**
- Disconnect power before servicing or replacing lamp. Use only AeroGarden replacement lamps. Replace lamp when light output becomes dim. Replace lamp every 12 months.

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**How to Personalize Your Light Timer (Optional)**

When you plug in your AeroGarden for the first time, the Green light will come on and will continue to come on at the same time everyday. If you are satisfied with the light timer, you do not need to make any changes. If you would like to change the time of day when the lights come on, follow these steps:

1. **At the exact time of day when you want the lights to come on, unplug your AeroGarden 3 S (or 5 S) plug and plug it back in.**
2. **Light On/Off Press & Release to temporarily turn Light On/Off**
3. **Reset Nutrient Timer Press & Hold 2 seconds until Nutrient light flashes**

**An Important Note About Lights**

Your AeroGarden 3 S has a built-in timer for the Light that automatically provides your plants with the perfect lighting schedule. No matter what the lights are off, many people find it most convenient to have the lights go on at the morning and off at night, to match their own personal hours and sleep schedules.