To Get Your AeroGarden Up and Growing
5 Easy Steps

1. Insert Light Post into Base
   - Push Light Post straight down firmly into Base.

2. Plug Pump Power Cord into Base
   - Plug Pump power cord into the connection on the back of the base.

3. Place Light Hood onto Light Post
   - Push Light Hood firmly on to Light Post

4. Plug Light Cord into Light Hood
   - Push Light Cord firmly into socket in Light Hood. Do not connect Light Hood to any other power source.

5. Plug Power Cord into Electrical Outlet and Touch ‘Quick Plant’
   - Touch ‘Quick Plant’ on the control panel for step-by-step instructions on planting your garden.

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.

Important Safety Instructions
- When using this AeroGarden electrical furnishing, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:
  - Read all instructions before using this AeroGarden furnishing.
  - Save these instructions.
  - Note: Do not change the plug in any way.

5. Use AeroGarden only for its intended use as described in the instructions.
6. Do not allow water to contact the LED Grow Lights.
7. Do not allow children or pets to play with the appliance.
8. Never operate the equipment with any electrical openings blocked. Keep all electrical openings free from dust, lint, hair, and the like.
9. Do not use attachments not recommended by manufacturer.
10. Do not place where curtains or drapes will impede heat dissipation.
11. Do not place or submerge base, cord, plug, or Light Hood in water or other liquids.
12. Do not touch moving parts or heat parts such as pumps, lights, reflective surfaces, and the like.
13. To discover, remove plugs from outlet.
14. Do not place in sunshine, heat, or light Hood in water or other liquids.
15. Do not allow water to contact the LED Grow Lights.
16. Do not use indoor and outdoor exhaust fan attachments.
17. Do not expose the LED Grow Lights to liquid or moisture.
18. Do not allow children or pets to play with the appliance.
19. Do not use attachments not recommended by manufacturer.
20. Do not connect electrical equipment to a circuit different from that to which the appliance is already connected.
21. Do not operate on or near flammable liquids.
22. Children should be supervised to ensure they do not play with the appliance.

When planting a new Seed Pod Kit, the Light Hood should be set to the lowest possible position. For instructions and tips about when to raise (or not to raise) the Light Hood, refer to Gardening Tips (on flip side) and or Seed Pod Kit Instruction booklet included with each seed kit.

Place Your Garden...
- On a sturdy, water-tolerant surface
- Near a standard electrical outlet, per local regulations
- In a 65-76°F (16-24°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

Download the AeroGarden App by searching “AeroGarden” in your mobile App Store.
Touch ‘Quick Plant’ to start a new Garden

Before placing a seed, touch Quick Plant option for step-by-step planting instructions. Quick Plant is the fastest and easiest way to start a new garden. Settings for grow lights, pump, and nutrient cycle are pre-programmed for the Quick Plant option to provide optimal growth based on the plant type you select.

1. Add Water

- Add water to “Fill to Here” indicator located under the Water Port flap.
- Use room temperature tap water or bottled, distilled water. Do not use well water which may interfere with our nutrients, or softened water, as it contains levels of sodium usually harmful to plants.
- The “Add Water” reminder will appear on the control panel when the water level is low. For best results, keep the water level topped up to the fill line all times.

2. Add Nutrients

- Nutrient instructions are printed on the packaging, as well as in the Seed Pod Instructions booklet. Read and follow the instructions carefully.
- Use only the recommended amount of Liquid Nutrient.
- Add nutrient directly into Base when first planting your Seed Pod Kit, and when the Add Nutrient reminder activates (every 2 weeks).
- Do not overfeed! More isn’t better. Too much nutrient may be harmful to plants.

Nutrient Feeding Tips:
- Always top off water level when adding Liquid Nutrients. For best results, top off the water level in your garden regularly.

3. Add Seed Pods & Grow Domes

- Insert Seed Pods into openings in Grow Deck.
- Seed Pod Labels often identify plant height to assist with placement. Look for height designations on the label.
- Plants grow best and look best if medium or tall plants are in back openings, and short plants are in front openings (see diagram).
- Seed Pod Instructions for Tomatoes and Peppers when used both Seed Pod and Plant Space. Plant Spaces allow your Tomato or Pepper plants extra room between plants.
- Do not remove Labels from Seed Pods. The labels identify the plant type and plant height, show the germination time, and guide aisle growth.
- Place a Grow Dome over each Seed Pod.
- Great Decks contain Seed Pod sets that do not snap into place. Also, it is not necessary for Grow Domes to cover any Plant Spaces in your Veggie Garden.
- Leave Grow Domes on the Seed Pods until plants have sprouted and their leaves nearly touch the dome.
- Once removed, Grow Domes may be reused recycled.

Congratulations! You’re on your way to a bountiful garden.

How to assemble Trellis System

1) Snap on each part separately to top section of the Light Post. 2) Snap together in front to connect pieces.

Gardening Tips for Maximum Harvests

PLANTING
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• Grow Domes help regulate moisture and temperature for optimal germination. Learn how to plant easily and keep your plants healthy in the diagram.

GERMINATION
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PRUNING
• Lower your leaves, don’t raise your lights! You will achieve more compact, beautiful growth and bigger harvests if you prune plants to keep the lights closer to all plants.
• Fast growing plants like Basil make gardeners want to raise the light too soon. Resist! Pruning the plant just above a new leaf set (Diagram A) and leaving the leaves down low will ensure that dense, flowering and fast-growing plants in your garden get all the light they need to bloom.
• Not pruning is the number one mistake made by new AeroGardeners. Prune early and often to ensure the best harvest.
• Prune leaves off a healthy garden, but never more than 1/3 of each individual plant at a time.
• Plants compact for light. Undersized, unaggressive growers can actually block light to nearby growing neighbors, and eventually they can starve off the luckiest plant. Spacing leaves must be trimmed back from time to time to allow your plants to get enough light to thrive and produce big yields.
• Frankly, pruning = harvesting. Every time you prune you are eating fresh herbs in a salad, soup or on a pizza. Cutting healthy garden looks much better than one giant, spindly plant surrounded by tightly-cropped, starved gardeners. Pruning also releases a wonderful scent! So get pruning.

WATER
• With the AeroGarden control panel will remind you when water levels get low, best results are achieved by topping off water regularly.
• THE AEROGARDEN IS DESIGNED TO GROW MANY TOP-MAP TALL GARDENS. Improved results can be seen with deep-lit, water or reverse osmosis water, but this is not a need in most cases.

U.S. CAUTION
- You are cautioned that any changes or modifications not expressly approved in this manual could void your authority to operate this equipment.

User Maintenance:
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