To Get Your AeroGarden Up and Growing

1. **Install CFL Grow Light into Light Hood**
   - (If you have LED Grow Light, skip this step)
   - Push CFL Grow Light straight into socket inside Light Hood
   - **DO NOT TWIST LIGHT!**

2. **Set Bowl into Base**
   - Check to be sure that bowl is securely seated 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

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**How to Raise and Lower the Light Hood**

To raise and lower the Light Hood, wrap one hand around the bottom of the Light Post just above the Grow Deck. Grab the upper part of the Light Post with your other hand and push up to raise the Light Hood or push down to lower the Light Hood. The post will move up or down a notch at a time with a little pressure, or you can move it up or down several notches at a time with more pressure. 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 to Seed Pod Kit Instruction booklet included in each seed kit.

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**Important Safety Instructions**

When using this AeroGarden electrical furnishing, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

1. Read all instructions before using this AeroGarden furnishing.
2. **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**
3. **DANGER** — to reduce risk of electrical shock:
   - Do not place the AeroGarden electrical furnishing where it can be splashed by water or where oxygen is being administered.
   - Do not touch moving parts or parts such as pumps, lights, reflective surfaces, and the like.
4. **WARNING** — to reduce risk of burns, fire, electric shock, or injury to persons:
   - Avoid operating the AeroGarden electrical furnishing before putting on or taking off parts.
   - Ensure operation of the AeroGarden electrical furnishing is not compromised by children, indoors, or disabled persons.
   - Use only a 120V-60Hz, 0.45A electrical rating.
   - Do not remove any parts or attempt any adjustments or repairs unless you are qualified to do so.
5. **CAUTION** — follow all warnings and instructions marked on the product.
   - Use only approved and approved parts and accessories. Use only AeroGarden Grow Light with the AeroGarden electrical furnishing. This product is not recommended for use with any other light source or light replacement product. (e.g., window drafts, A/C vents)
   - Do not use AeroGarden for other than intended purposes.
   - Use only a 120V-60Hz, 0.45A electrical rating.
   - If lamp is damaged, do not replace lamp or to replace with a lamp of an equivalent wattage, if not replacement light bulb is being used.
   - Protective covers are not included with LED model.
6. **Note:** Do not place beneath under-cabinet lights.
7. **SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**
   - Follow all manufacturer’s instructions and warnings.
   - Do not touch moving parts or parts such as pumps, lights, reflective surfaces, and the like.

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**Installation Instructions**

**Sprout**

**Sprout LED**

**Included in Package**

* LED Hood & Base
* CFL Hood & Base
* CFL Grow Light Model #100340
* Seed Pod Kit
* Bowl & Grow Deck
* Water Port Cover
* Light Post
* Air Coupling
* View Window
* Base
* Light Hood
* CFL Grow Light (if you have LED Grow Light, CFL Grow Light is not needed)
* Reset Nutrient Timer
* AFL Grow Light (Compact Fluorescent Light)

**Note:** Do not place beneath under-cabinet lights.

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**Place Your Garden...**

- On a sturdy, water-tolerant surface
- Under a space that allows 16” (41cm) clearance for the full height of raised Light Hood
- Near a standard electrical outlet, per local regulations
- In a 65-76°F (16-26°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)

**AeroGarden** do not need additional light or a sunny window. In fact, too much direct sunlight can overheat your plants.
**Gardening Tips for Maximum Harvests**

**PLANTING**
- Many Seed Pods are labeled for height. Grow gardens and look for these best when plants are mature and well-advanced, and short plants in front openings. If plants are all the same size, like Salad Greens, they can be planted anywhere.
- Do not remove Labels from Seed Pods. The labels identify the plant type and height, show the germination time, and inhibit algae growth.
- Grow Domes help regulate moisture and temperature for optimal germination. Leave them on until plants are nearly touching the domes.
- Seed Pod Kits for large plants like Tomatoes and Peppers often receive leafy Seed Pods to compensate for the large plant size.

**GERMINATION**
- Some seeds germinate in less than 24 hours. Some take 24 or more days. Most labels indicate an estimate of how long your seeds will take to germinate but may differ greatly from the true time.
- As a rule of thumb, if you are comfortable, so are your plants. However, plants are impacted by temperature. Cold white lights like Salad Greens germinate better in cooler temperatures. Heat lovers like Tomatoes and Peppers germinate faster in warmer temperatures (above 70°F). But don’t sweat it. While some take a bit more time, your seeds will germinate.
- If you are growing your own seeds, plant 5-6 seeds per pod and keep the seed pods covered with information regarding temperature and days to germination.

**PRUNING**
- Prune your plants, don’t raise your lights! You will achieve more compact, beautiful growth and bigger harvests if you prune to keep the lights closer to all plants in your garden.
- Prune large plants (like tomatoes) to make sure you want to raise the lights too soon. Reducing the plants just above the needed height will keep the lights closer to all plants. Keep in mind that pruning lower leaves will ensure that slow-growing and low-growing plants get the light they need to flourish.
- Prune often to maintain a healthy garden, but no more than 1/3 of each individual plant at a time.
- Plants compete for light. Left unchecked, more aggressive cultivars can actually block the light from reaching slower-growing neighbors, which eventually fall due to lack of light. Spreading leaves must be trimmed (Diagram A) to make sure that all plants get enough light to thrive and produce key byproducts.

**WATER**
- Plants grown in the AeroGardens are designed to thrive with most municipal tap water. If your water is especially hard or has been softened with water, balance or softened water, which contains levels of sodium often harmful to plants.

**PLANTING**
- Add Nutrients
  - When Add Nutrients light comes on (every 2 weeks), add Liquid Nutrients into the Bowl per instructions on the nutrient packaging, and top up the water level to “Fill To Here.” Press and hold the ‘Add Nutrient’ light button for 2 seconds to turn off the blinking reminder light and reset the nutrient timer.

**Light On/Off**
- Use a remote override built-in in light timer. Once pressed, Grow Lights will stay On/Off until the next time built-in light timer is set to go On/Off. This will not affect the timing of your light cycle and occasional use of the feature will not harm your plants.

**POLLINATING**
- Because most people don’t have bees in their home, you will need to start pollinating your fruiting plants (tomatoes, peppers, etc.) once they begin to flower (approximately 4-6 weeks after planting). To pollinate, use one or more of the following methods.

**HARVESTING**
- Many first-time growers are hesitant to harvest. Don’t be! Most AeroGardens work best with a harvesting method called “cut and come again.” Simply put, you enjoy small frequent harvests and then watch as the plants rapidly re-grow ready for harvest again and again.

- Some users may choose to harvest more frequently to allow the vibration to spread the pollen.
- Prune the entire main stem of the plants with an electric bush cutter and allow the vibration to spread the pollen.

**Limitation of Warranty**
- The warranty covers any defects in materials or workmanship, with the exceptions stated below.
- How Long Coverage Lasts: The warranty runs for one (1) year on our Aerogardens, six (6) months on the UL Grow Lights, and four (4) years on LED Lights, from the date of purchase. The warranty is nontransferable.
- What is Not Covered: The warranty does not apply to problems arising from normal wear, failure to adhere to adhering operating instructions, intentional product abuse, or excessive wind or climatic conditions (i.e., excessive wind or climatic conditions such as excessive heat, cold, sand, dust, leaves, etc.); damage due to improper installation, negligence, or abuse; proper repairs or other modifications made by anyone other than our company. Furthermore, the warranty does not cover damages caused by: (i) the use of non-AeroGrow branded parts or attachments; or (ii) the actions of any person other than our company. The warranty is not transferable to anyone other than the original owner from whom the product was purchased.
- To Return This Product: If you have questions or concerns regarding your Aerogarden, please contact Customer Service at 1-800-476-9669. Please do not return your product to the store. In the United States, all U.S. returns, repairs, and exchanges are handled at our Customer Service center. In Canada, AeroGrow will work with authorized retailers to process your returns and exchanges. In the United Kingdom or any other country in the European Union, please return the product to your retailer for service. In Hong Kong, all returns, repairs, and exchanges are handled at our Customer Service center. In Australia, all returns, repairs, and exchanges are handled at our Customer Service center.
- On any returns, repairs, or exchanges, the customer must pay for return shipping. The warranty is nontransferable, and no warranties, either expressed or implied, are extended to subsequent owners of your product. This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you may have other legal rights that may vary from state to state.
- If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our customer service representatives at 1-800-476-9669.

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