**6 Easy Steps**

**To Get Your AeroGarden Up and Growing**

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1. **Clip Lamp Arm into Base**
   - Push Lamp Arm straight down until you hear a “click.”

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

3. **Install Grow Lights**
   - Push Grow Lights straight into sockets in Lamp Hood
   - **DO NOT TWIST BULBS!**

4. **Install Hood**
   - Push Lamp Hood firmly on to Lamp Arm

5. **Plug in Lamp Hood**
   - Push Lamp Cord firmly into socket in Lamp Hood. Do not connect lamp hood to any other power source.

6. **Plug Cord into Electrical Outlet**
   - Plug in Lamp Hood

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**CONGRATULATIONS!**

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

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**Included in Package**

- Lamp Hood
- Trellis System
- Bowl & Base Assembly
- Lamp Arm
- Grow Lights Model 100340
- Seed Kit

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**Place Your Garden...**

- On a sturdy, water-tolerant surface (metal surfaces may cause noise due to vibration)
- Near a standard electrical outlet, per local regulations
- Under a space that allows 35” (89 cm) clearance for the full height of raised lamp
- In a 65-75°F (18-23°C) environment (optimal)
- Away from children or pets
- Away from direct sources of heat (e.g., on top of stoves or furnaces)
- Near a sunny window. In fact, too much direct sunlight can overheat your plants

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

Read all instructions before using this AeroGarden furnishing.

1. To avoid the risk of electric shock, the AeroGarden has a specific plug. Do not change the plug in any way.

2. Always plug the AeroGarden into a grounded electrical outlet before cleaning or changing Grow Lights (light bulbs).

**WARNING**

- To reduce the risk of burns, fire, electric shock, or injury to persons:

3. Do not place the AeroGarden any closer than 6” (15 cm) to walls.

4. Always unplug the AeroGarden from electrical outlet before cleaning or changing Grow Lights (light bulbs).

5. Install Grow Lights only as described in the instructions. Do not use any Grow Light not recommended by manufacturer. Use of any other kind of light bulb is not recommended. Replacement parts can be ordered from www.AeroGarden.com

6. Never connect the Lamp Arm or Lamp Hood to any other power source.

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Planting and Harvesting Tips

A few “Bonus” tips for maximum harvests

**Germination**

- The ‘Grow Lights’ On/Off button also allows you to change the time that your Grow Lights automatically come on each day.

- Pruning = harvesting. Each time you prune you get to enjoy fresh herbs in a salad, soup, on pizza or a sandwich. And, a full, bushy garden looks much better than one giant, spindly plant surrounded by straggly, light-starved neighbors. Pruning also releases a wonderful scent. So prune!

- To reduce the risk of electric shock, this furnishing has a polarized plug (one blade is wider than the other). Do not change the plug in any way.

- Always shake nutrients well before adding.

- Lights: Plants like light. Always keep your grow lights as close to your plants as possible. Plants should be 1-2 inches below grow lights.

- After pruning, lower your lights back down to within 1-2 inches of plants if necessary.

- Pruning is the number one mistake made by new AeroGardeners! Prune early and often and enjoy the small harvests!

- Nutrients: Do not fill bowl past fill line mark.

- Nutrients: “More isn’t better.” Resist the temptation to add “just a little extra” too. No nutrient can hurt your plants.

- Lights: Plants like light!

- Fan: Place an open hand inside plant branches and gently move your hand back and forth to shake the plant and spread the pollen.

- Cleaning and Sanitizing

- Do not use softened water as it contains too much sodium and will usually harm your plants.

- Do not use bleach as it can be harmful. For maximum safety, use 1 cup of chlorine bleach per 1 gallon of water, or 1 teaspoon of bleach per 1 quart of water.

- Do not fill bowl past fill line mark.

- Do not overfeed water as it contains too much sodium and water will not grow well.

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- Do not overfeed or underfeed your plants and the moving air will provide plenty of oxygen.

- To reduce the risk of root pathogens that can destroy your crop. Here’s how:

- Touch the main stem of the plants with an electric toothbrush and allow the vibration to spread the pollen.

- Water

- Lower your plants, don’t raise your lights! You will achieve more compact, bushy growth and bigger harvests if you prune plants to keep the lights closer to all plants.

- Nutrients: Add Water

- Nutrients: The included TrekSys System will support your large plants, such as tomatoes and peppers, by wrapping around the plants as they grow.

- Harvesting

- Before each planting, you should check and sanitize your Aerogarden to reduce the risk of root pathogens that can destroy your crop. Here’s how:

- Do not overfeed or underfeed your plants and the moving air will provide plenty of oxygen.

- Pruning

- Pruning will take to germinate but many factors impact germination.

- Prune the stem just above a leaf node and ensure that slow-growing and low-growing plants like your garden get all the light they need to flourish.

- Keep your large plants, such as peppers, by wrapping around the plants as they grow.

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- Prune the stem just above a leaf node and ensure that slow-growing and low-growing plants like your garden get all the light they need to flourish.

- Follow instructions printed on the nutrient packaging for feeding amounts. Add nutrients into the water through the fill port.

- Nutrient requirements may change from time to time.

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- Disconnect power before - Soak and Boil

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