## AeroGarden Sprout

# AeroGarden Sprout Indoor Garden Instruction Manual

**Model: Sprout**

**Brand: AeroGarden**

## Introduction

The AeroGarden Sprout is an indoor hydroponic garden system designed to allow you to grow up to 3 different herbs, vegetables, or flower varieties year-round. This system eliminates the need for soil and direct sunlight, making indoor gardening accessible and simple. The integrated 10W LED grow lights provide the full spectrum of light necessary for optimal plant growth, enabling plants to grow up to 5 times faster than in traditional outdoor gardens. Automated timers manage the light cycle, and a soft-touch button control simplifies plant care. The compact design is adjustable for up to 10 inches of grow height, fitting easily into various home environments.
Key features include:

- **Soil-Free Growing:** Plants grow in water, eliminating mess and traditional soil requirements.
- **High-Efficiency LED Lights:** 10-watt full-spectrum LED grow lights optimize photosynthesis for rapid growth.
- **Automated Timer:** Lights turn on and off automatically at the correct times.
- **Water Level Indicator:** An easy-to-read indicator shows when to add water.
- **Plant Food Reminder:** The system reminds you when to add liquid plant food.
- **Adjustable Grow Height:** The lamp adjusts for up to 10 inches of plant growth.

## What's Included

Your AeroGarden Sprout package typically includes the following components:

- AeroGarden Sprout unit with LED grow light hood
- 3-Pod Seed Kit (featuring pre-seeded pods, e.g., Genovese Basil, Curly Parsley, Dill)
- Liquid Plant Food (3 oz bottle)

- 3 Grow Domes
- Quick Start Guide / Instruction Manual
- Power Adapter




Image: Components included with the AeroGarden Sprout, such as seed pods, liquid plant food, and the quick start guide.

## Setup Instructions

Follow these steps to set up your AeroGarden Sprout:

1. **Assemble the Unit:** Place the grow deck onto the water bowl. Ensure the LED light hood is securely attached to the base.
2. **Plug in the Pump:** Locate the pump cord and plug it into the designated port on the unit.
3. **Add Water:** Fill the water bowl with fresh tap water up to the 'Fill To Here' line, visible through the water level indicator window.
4. **Add Plant Food:** Following the directions on the plant food bottle, add the recommended amount of liquid plant food to the water bowl.
5. **Insert Seed Pods:** Place the pre-seeded pods into the openings on the grow deck.
6. **Place Grow Domes:** Cover each seed pod with a clear plastic grow dome. These domes help create a

humid environment for germination.

7. **Plug in Power:** Connect the power adapter to the unit and then plug it into an electrical outlet. The LED grow lights will automatically turn on.




Image: Visual guide for the three simple setup steps: adjusting the lamp, adding water and plant food, and inserting seed pods.

### Setup Video

Video: Official AeroGarden Sprout unboxing and setup guide, demonstrating the initial assembly and preparation of the unit.

## Operating Instructions

The AeroGarden Sprout is designed for ease of use with automated features:

- **Watering:** The water level indicator window on the front of the unit allows you to monitor the water level. Refill with fresh tap water when the level drops below the minimum mark. Depending on plant growth, this may be every 3-4 days for mature plants.
- **Plant Food:** The 'Add Plant Food' reminder light on the control panel will flash every 2 weeks to indicate it's time to add more liquid plant food. Follow the instructions on the plant food bottle for feeding amounts. To reset the reminder, lightly touch and hold the 'Light On/Off' button at the top of your LED light for a couple of seconds until the alert turns off.

- **LED Grow Lights:** The 10W full-spectrum LED grow lights operate on an automated timer, providing optimal light for 15-17 hours a day and then turning off for the remaining hours. This cycle is pre-programmed and does not typically require manual adjustment. The light can be manually turned off by pressing the 'Light On/Off' button.
- **Adjusting Lamp Height:** As your plants grow, adjust the height of the LED grow light hood to maintain an optimal distance from the plant canopy. The lamp is extendable up to 10 inches.




Image: Overview of AeroGarden Sprout features including adjustable height, LED grow light, and automated reminders.

## Maintenance

- **Pruning:** Regularly prune your plants to encourage bushier growth and prevent them from growing too tall and touching the LED lights. For herbs, trim leaves from the top to promote lateral growth.
- **Cleaning:** Periodically clean the water bowl and pump. The pump may accumulate material and require removal for thorough cleaning. Refer to the Quick Start Guide for detailed instructions on pump removal and cleaning.
- **Replacing Seed Pods:** After a plant's life cycle is complete or if a pod fails to germinate, remove the old pod and replace it with a new AeroGarden seed pod.

## Troubleshooting

- **LED Light is Too Bright:** The LED grow light is powerful. If its brightness is disruptive, consider placing the AeroGarden Sprout in a location where the light is less intrusive, such as a pantry or a less-frequented area of your home.
- **Plants Not Germinating:** Ensure grow domes are in place to maintain humidity. Verify that the water level is adequate and plant food has been added. If pods still do not germinate within the expected timeframe, contact AeroGarden support for assistance, especially if within the germination guarantee period.
- **Pump Not Working:** Check that the pump is correctly plugged into the unit. If the pump is making unusual noises or not circulating water, it may need to be cleaned. Refer to the maintenance section or the Quick Start Guide for pump cleaning instructions.
- **Power Outage:** The new Sprout model is designed to reset the food and light timer automatically after a power outage, eliminating the need for manual reset.

## Specifications

| Feature | Detail |
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| Color | White |
| Shape | Rectangular |
| Material | High Gloss Plastic |
| Light Source Type | LED |
| Light Source Wattage | 10 Watts |
| Max Grow Height | 10 inches |
| Item Weight | 2.97 pounds (1.35 Kilograms) |
| Product Dimensions | 11.94 x 3.42 x 14 inches |
| Power Source | Manual (Plug-in) |




Image: Detailed dimensions of the AeroGarden Sprout unit.

## Warranty and Support

Your AeroGarden Sprout comes with a standard return policy, typically allowing returns or replacements within 30 days of purchase. For extended coverage, 3-Year and 4-Year Protection Plans are available for purchase. Additionally, monthly protection plans like Asurion Complete Protect may cover eligible past and future purchases.

For any questions, troubleshooting, or warranty claims, please refer to the contact information provided in your Quick Start Guide or visit the official AeroGarden website for customer support.