

Quick Start Guide

English

Simple Steps

To Get Your AeroGarden® 6
Up and Growing



Model #s: 100610-BLK; 100610-WHT; 100610-SLR
Input Voltage: 120V, 60Hz, 1.5A

Date Code:

IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

(SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS)

When using this AeroGarden⁶ electrical furnishing, basic precautions should always be followed, including the following:

Read all instructions before using this AeroGarden furnishing.

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

DANGER – to reduce risk of electric shock:

2. Always unplug AeroGarden from electrical outlet before cleaning or changing Grow Bulbs (light bulbs).

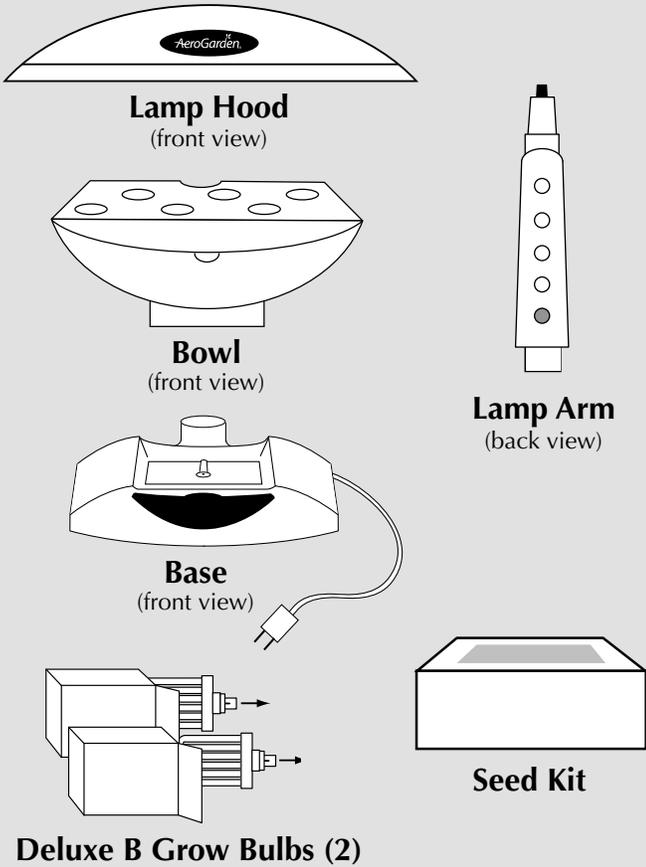
WARNING – to reduce risk of burns, fire, electric shock, or injury to persons:

3. Unplug AeroGarden from outlet before putting on or taking off parts.
4. Close supervision is necessary when AeroGarden is used by or near children, invalids, or disabled persons.
5. Use AeroGarden only for its intended use as described in instructions. Do not use attachments not recommended by manufacturer.
6. Never operate AeroGarden if it has a damaged cord or plug, if it is not working properly, if it has been dropped and damaged, or if it has been dropped in water. If any of these conditions occur/exist, contact www.aerogardensupport.com or your country's local distributor for instructions.
7. Keep cord away from heated surfaces.
8. Never operate furnishing with air openings blocked. Keep air openings free of lint, hair, and the like.
9. Never drop or insert any object into any electrical openings.
10. Do not use outdoors.
11. Do not operate where aerosol (spray) products are being used or where oxygen is being administered.
12. Do not touch moving parts or hot parts such as pumps, bulbs, reflective surfaces, and the like.
13. To disconnect, remove plug from outlet.
14. Do not place or submerge base, cord, plug, or lamp hood in water or other liquid to clean it.
15. Do not allow water to contact hot light bulbs.
16. Use only approved and supplied parts and accessories. Use only lamp model 100340 (N. America) or 200340 (Europe & Australia) Grow Bulbs with this AeroGarden model. Use of any other kind of accessory is not recommended. Replacement parts can be ordered from www.aerogardensupport.com or from your retailer.
17. Do not use AeroGarden for other than intended purpose.
18. This product is intended for household and residential use only. This product is not approved for commercial applications.
19. Read and follow all important notices on the AeroGarden and in the accompanying literature.
20. If supply cord is damaged, it must be replaced by manufacturer, its service agent, or similarly qualified technician in order to avoid a hazard.
21. Electrical wiring must be in accordance with local regulations.
22. This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of appliance by a person responsible for their safety.
23. Children should be supervised to ensure they do not play with the appliance.

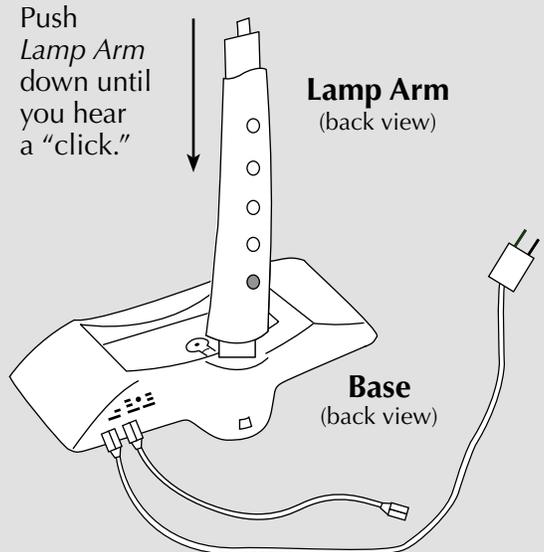
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1 Quick Start Assembly (No tools required)

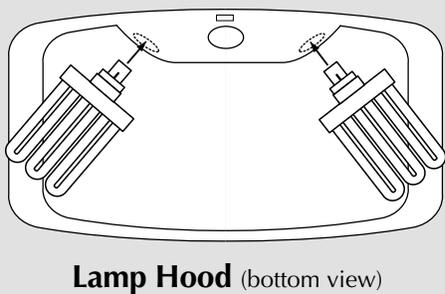
A Unpack Your AeroGarden⁶



B Insert Lamp Arm into Base



C Insert Grow Bulbs into Lamp Hood

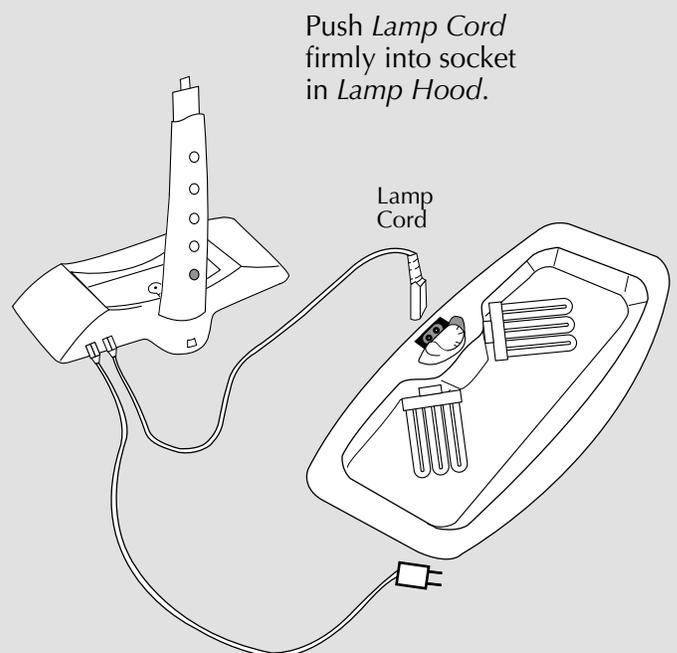


Push straight in.

DO NOT TWIST BULBS!

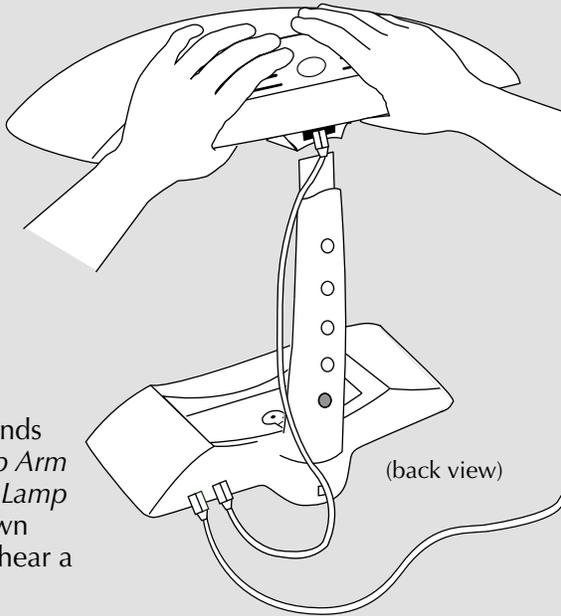
Remember to replace Grow Bulbs every 6 months.

D Plug Lamp Cord into Lamp Hood



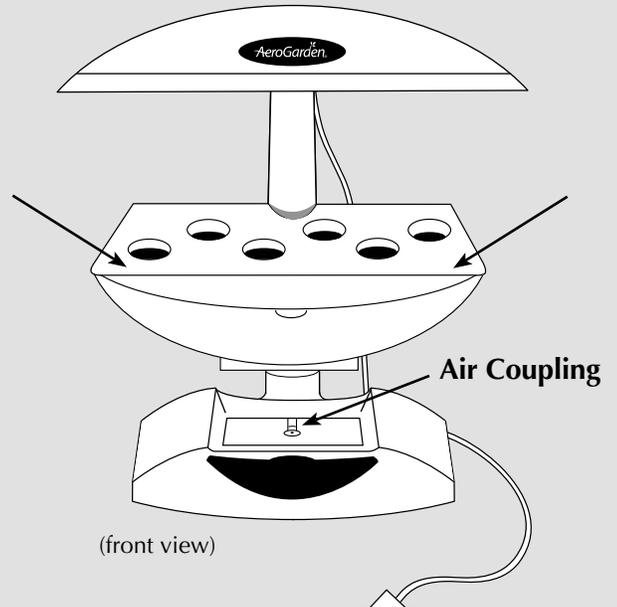
1 Quick Start Assembly (continued)

E Place Lamp Hood on Lamp Arm



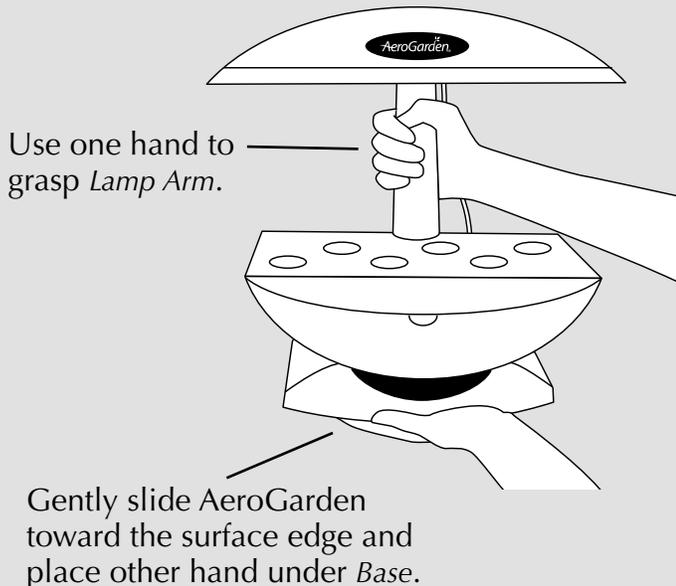
Center hands over *Lamp Arm* and push *Lamp Hood* down until you hear a "click."

F Set Bowl into Base



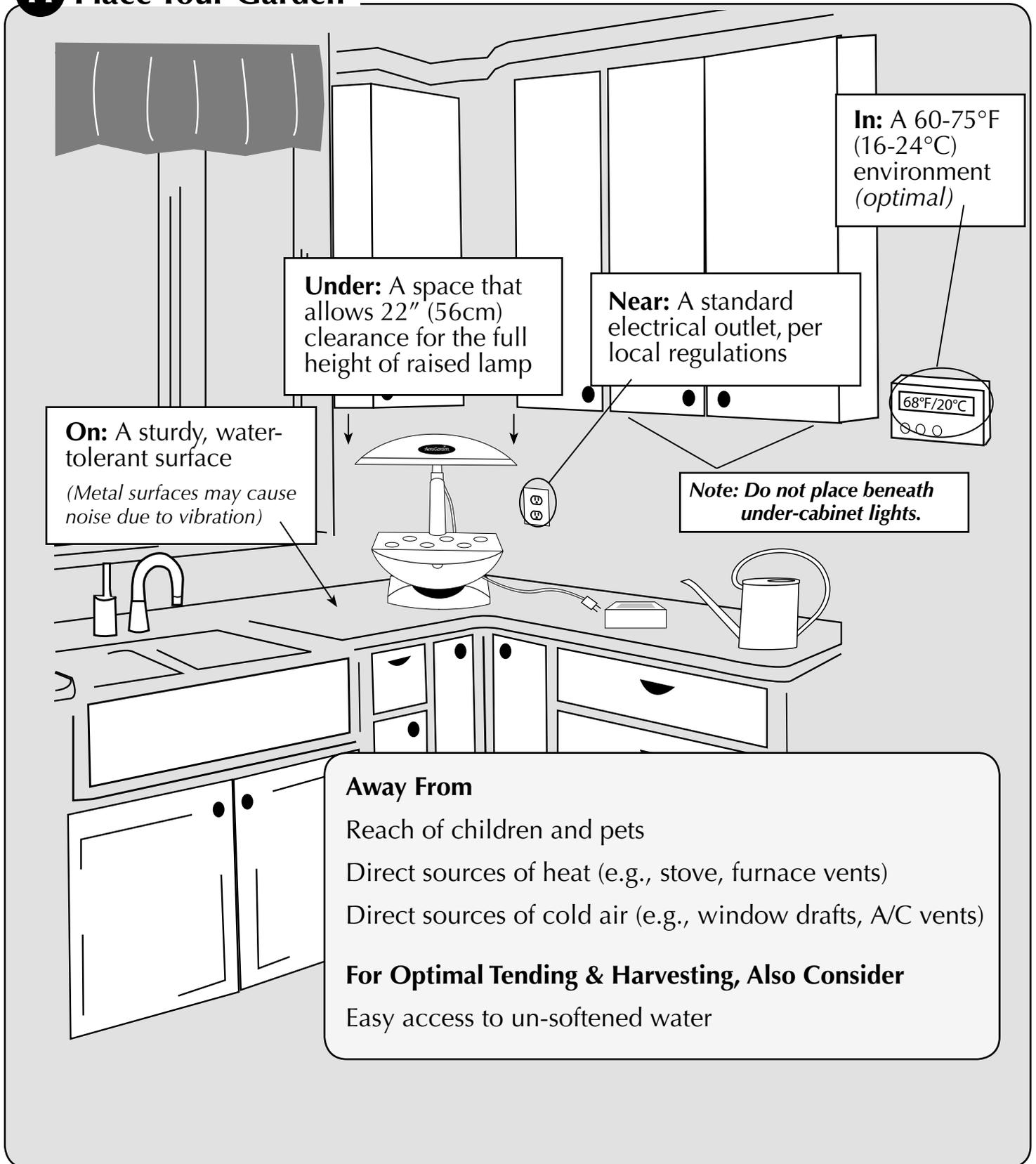
Check to be sure that *Bowl* is securely seated on *Air Coupling* in *Base*.

G Moving Your AeroGarden



NEED ADDITIONAL HELP?
For supplies and information, visit...
www.aerogardensupport.com

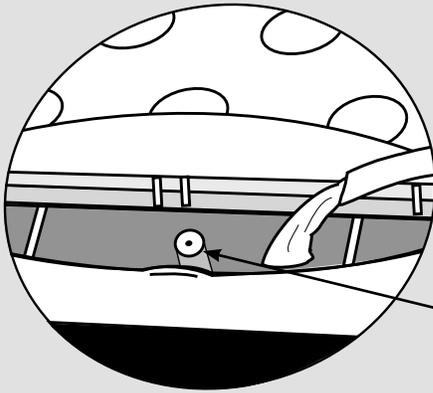
H Place Your Garden



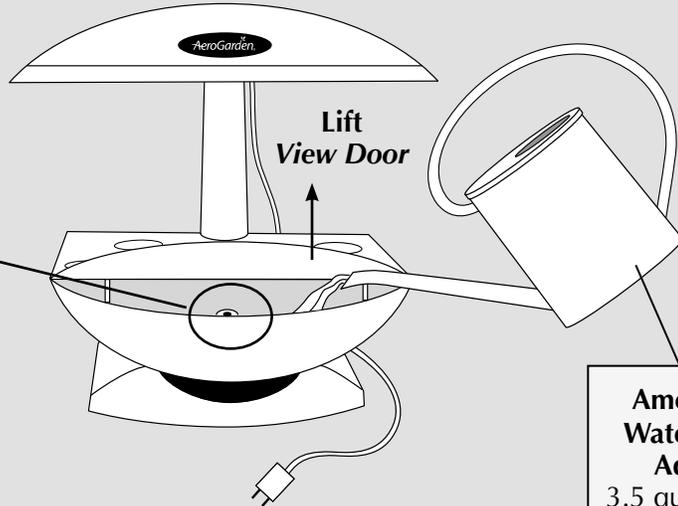
2 Planting Your Garden

A Add Water Using a Spouted Container

Use *room temperature* municipal tap, bottled or purified water. Do not use well or softened water.



Fill to **"Fill To Here"**
(located inside Bowl)



Amount of Water To Be Added:
3.5 quarts or...
3.2 liters

When additional water is needed, "Water Low" light on *Control Panel* will blink. Add water to raise level up to **"Fill To Here"** inside Bowl. It is okay to add water up to **"Fill To Here"** before "Water Low" light blinks.

B Plan Your Garden Layout



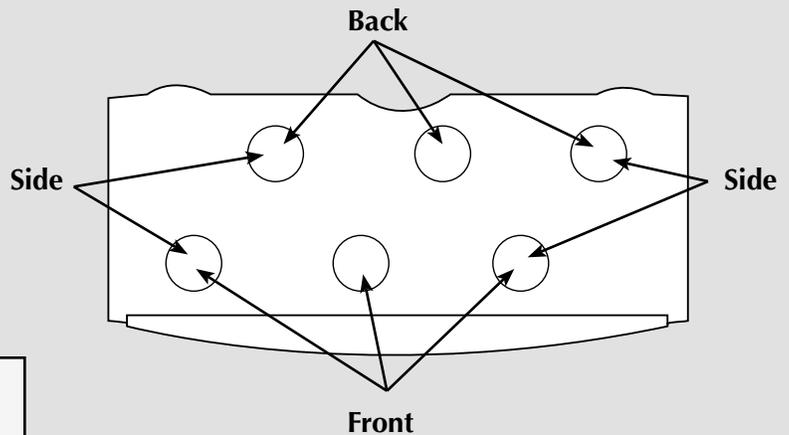
Use height information on *Seed Pod Label* to decide where to place each *Seed Pod* in *Grow Surface*.

For best results plant *Seed Pods* labeled...

"Tall" – in *Back* openings (see diagram below)

"Medium" – in *Side* openings

"Short" – in *Front* openings



Note: Location of *Seed Pod* in *Grow Surface* does not matter if all plants are the same height.

C Plant Your Garden

If you are planting...

Herbs or Flowers* - arrange *Seed Pods* by plant height (see “*Plan Your Garden Layout*” on page 5).

Tomatoes or Peppers (6-pod Vegetable Series Kits) - place one *Seed Pod* in each **Front/Side** opening and one *Seed Pod* in the center **Back** opening. Place *Plant Spacers* in remaining openings.

Green Beans, Salad Greens or Live Plants - place *Seed/Plant Pods* anywhere in *Grow Surface*.

Master Gardener Kit* - arrange *Pods* in *Grow Surface* according to plant height.

**Re-arranging may be required as plants grow.*

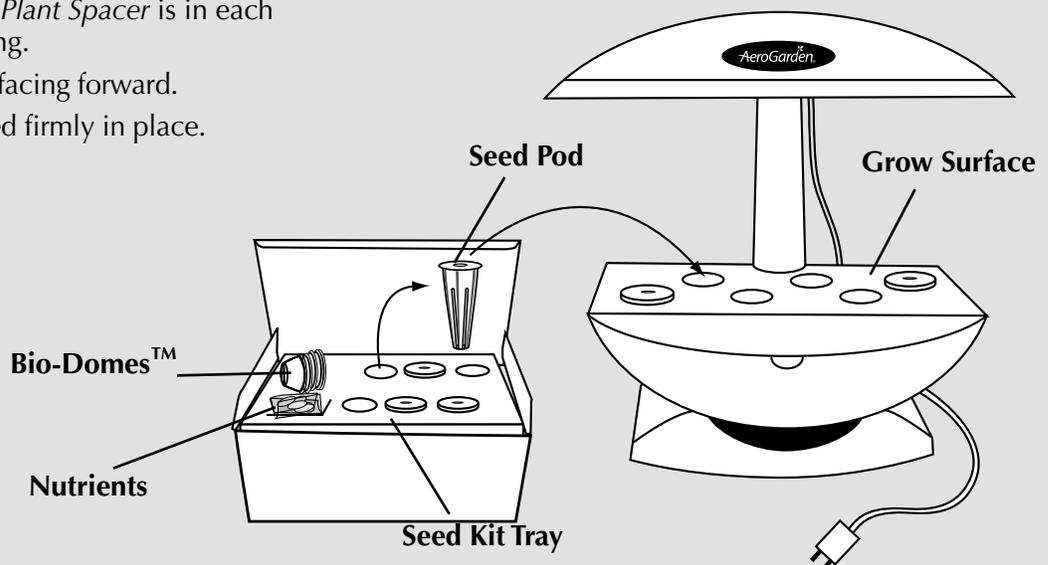
Create a Custom Garden – combine two 3-pod Seed Kits.

Important guidelines to consider when combining *Seed Kits*...

- Only combine kits from the same Series, e.g., flower with flower, herb with herb, etc.
- Consider plant height when combining *Seed Pods* from two 3-pod *Seed Kits*. Refer to “*Plan Your Garden Layout*” on page 5 when deciding where to place *Seed Pods* in your 6-pod AeroGarden.
- When planting – use BOTH *Starting Nutrients* (two tablets) from each 3-pod *Seed Kit*.
- All Other Feedings – use TWO *Growing Nutrients* (two tablets) from each *Seed Kit* until they are gone.

Plant your AeroGarden. Check to see that...

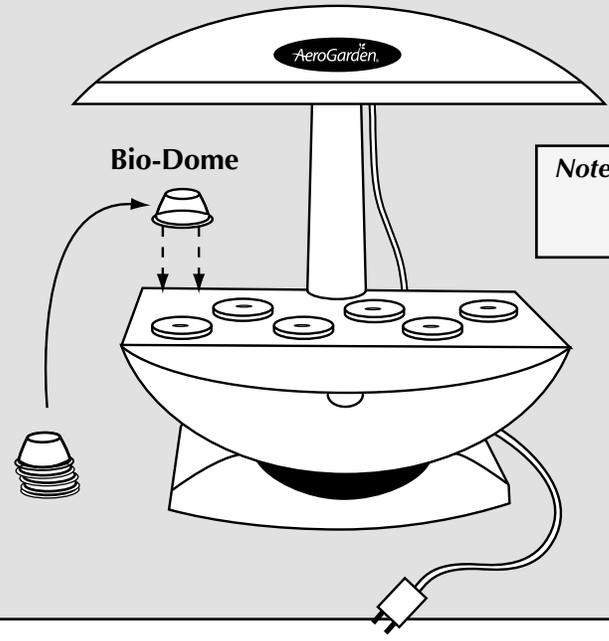
- A *Seed/Plant Pod* or *Plant Spacer* is in each *Grow Surface* opening.
- *Seed Pod Labels* are facing forward.
- *Seed Pods* are pressed firmly in place.



2 Planting Your Garden (continued)

D Place Bio-Domes™ on Seed Pods

Place a *Bio-Dome* on each *Seed Pod*.
Press *Bio-Dome* down until its rim almost touches *Grow Surface*.

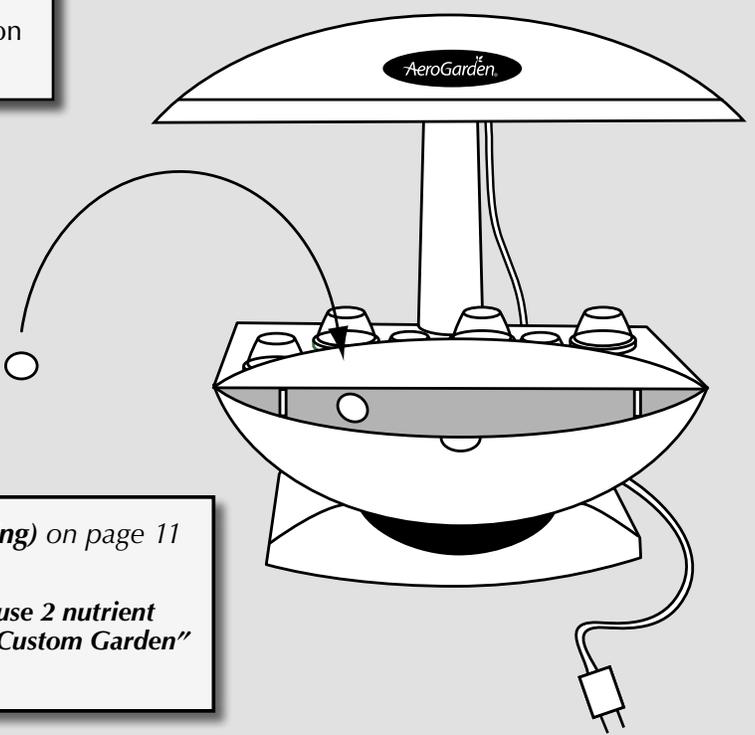


Note: Do not remove Bio-Domes until seeds have sprouted. NEVER REMOVE SEED POD LABELS.

E Add Starting Nutrient Tablets and Record Planting Date

Record Planting Date
Record the date your *Seed/Plant Kit* was planted on front cover of the *Tending & Harvesting Guide*.

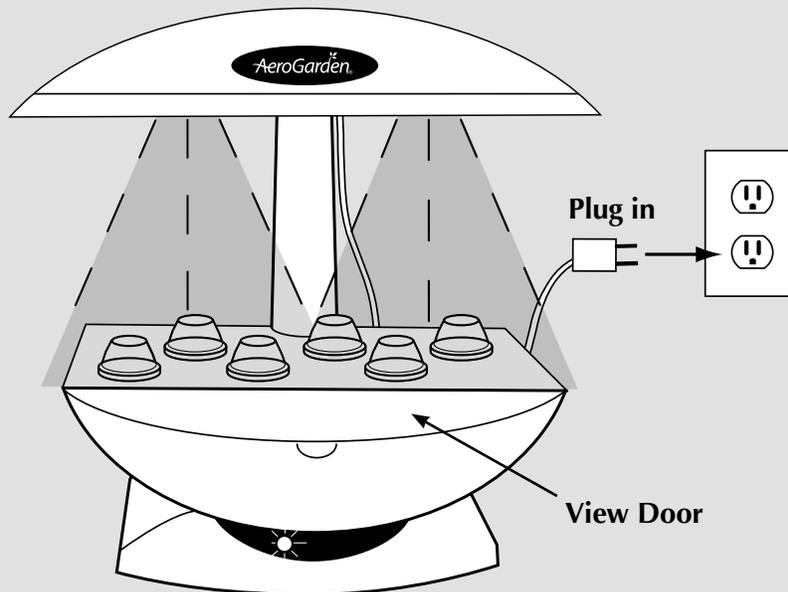
Add 2 "Starting Nutrients"* directly into *Bowl*.



See "Add Nutrients" (*Feed Garden - Basic Feeding*) on page 11 of this guide for additional feeding instructions.
***When combining two 3-pod Seed Kits, be sure to use 2 nutrient tablets when feeding your Garden (see "Create a Custom Garden" on page 6).**

3 Starting Your Garden

A Plug Cord into Electrical Outlet



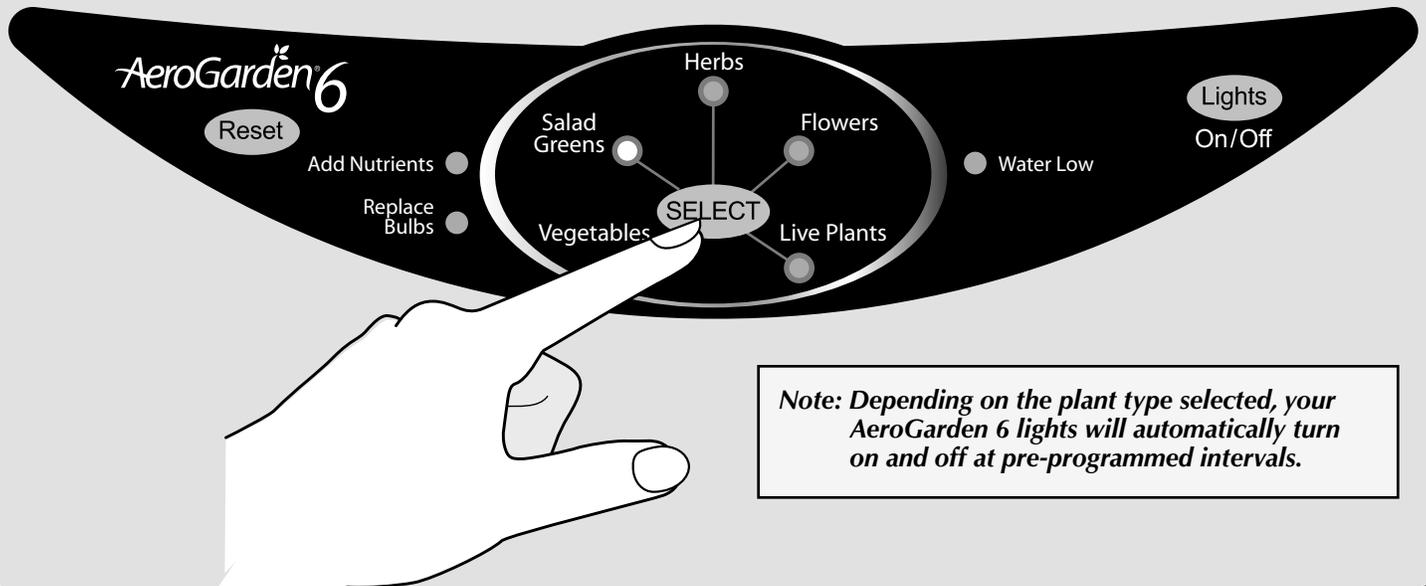
What will happen...

- 1** A green light on *Control Panel* will illuminate.
- 2** *Grow Bulbs* will come on.
Look under Lamp Hood to check that both bulbs are lit.
If not, check to see if:
 - *Grow Bulbs* are properly inserted in *Lamp Hood* (page 2, step 1C).
 - *Lamp Cord* is plugged into *Lamp Hood* (page 2, step 1D).
 - You are getting power through the electrical outlet.
- 3** Air bubbles should be visible inside *Bowl*.
If not, check to see if:
 - *Bowl* is securely seated on *Air Coupling* in *Base* (see page 3, step 1F).
 - *Bowl* has water up to "Fill To Here."

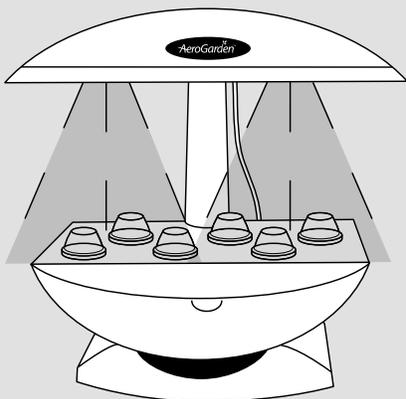
3 Starting Your Garden (continued)

B Select Setting

Press the **SELECT** button until you reach the type of plant you are growing (Vegetables, Salad Greens, etc.).



C Your Light Timer



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Your Light Timer is Set To Start Growing Your Plants...Starting Now!

2

If You Would Like to Change the Time of Day Your Lights Will Go Off...

See "Personalize Your Light Timer" on page 10.

- Your lights will stay on for about **16 hours** and will shut off for about **8 hours**.
- Your lights will come on every day at the time you plugged in your AeroGarden 6.

Personalize Your Light Timer (optional)

Your AeroGarden 6 has lights and a built-in timer that automatically provide plants with the optimal amount of “sunlight” (about 16 hours) and “night” (about 8 hours), depending on plant type you selected.

As long as plants get this amount of light, it does not matter when lights are turned off.* Many people find it convenient to have lights go on in the morning and off at night to match their own wake and sleep schedule.

**The exceptions to this are Flower & Vegetable plants. They require a daily dark period in order to produce flowers. If your plants will receive any room light during the day (natural or artificial), we recommend setting your AeroGarden lights to be on during the day.*

5 Simple Steps...

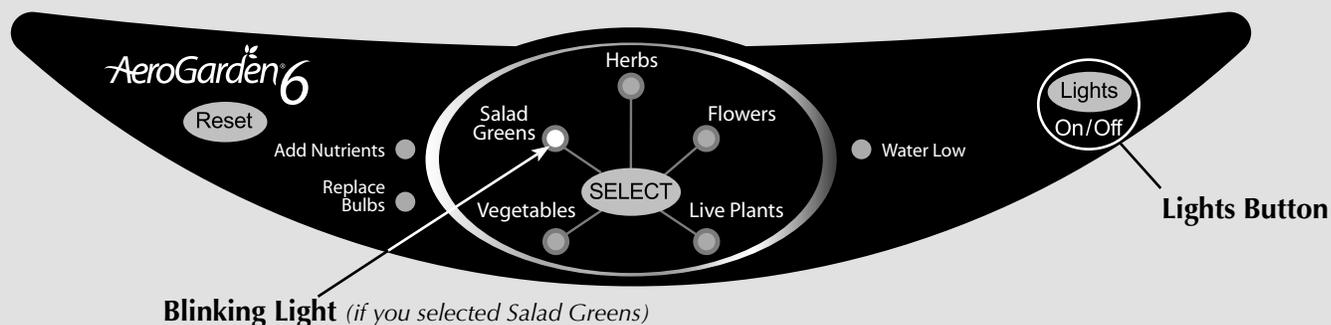
In order to make this as simple as possible, you only need to set the time you want your AeroGarden

lights to go off (Off Time) and your built-in light timer automatically sets the On Time...nothing more for you to do.

Do the following to set the time you want your lights to go off:

- 1** Decide what time you want the lights to go OFF.
- 2** *AT THAT TIME* check that lights are on. If they are off, quickly press “Lights” button and immediately release. (Lights must be on in order to reset timer.)
- 3** With lights on, press and hold “Lights” button until light next to the plant type you selected starts blinking – about 5 seconds.
- 4** Release the button.
- 5** When blinking stops (about 9 seconds), the lights will go off and your lights are now set to go off at this time every day.

You can reset your timer as often as you want.



In case of power failure, your AeroGarden 6 has a backup system that stores light, nutrient & replace bulbs timers as well as plant selection settings. When power is restored, your AeroGarden will go back to the Off-On cycle you have set.

Basic Reminders About Your AeroGarden

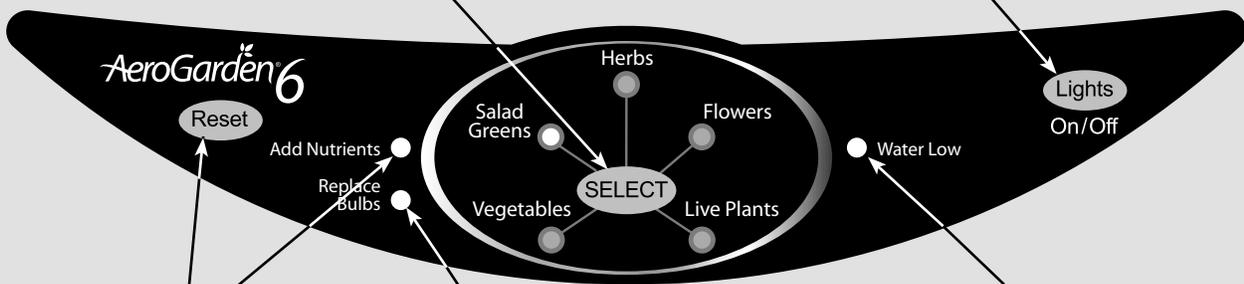
AeroGarden⁶ Control Panel

• Select

The number of hours lights are on and off depends on which plant type is selected.

• Lights On/Off

Use to *occasionally* override built-in light timer. Once pushed, lights will stay off/on 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 this feature will not harm your plants.



• Add Nutrients

(Feed Garden - Basic Feeding)

When "Add Nutrients" and "Water Low" lights start blinking (every 2 weeks), add 2 nutrient tablets* and fill the *Bowl* with water up to "Fill to Here." Press and release "Reset" button to restart nutrient timer and turn off blinking lights.

*See *Tending & Harvesting Guide* for plant-specific nutrient information.

• Replace Bulbs[†]

When light blinks (after 6 months of use), it is time to replace *Grow Bulbs*. *Bulbs* can be ordered at www.aerogardensupport.com or from your retailer. After replacing *Grow Bulbs*, press "Reset" button to restart grow bulb timer and turn off flashing light.

NOTE: If you store your AeroGarden 6 between uses, *grow bulb timer* automatically stops when *Garden* is unplugged.

[†]See complete replacement instructions on next page.

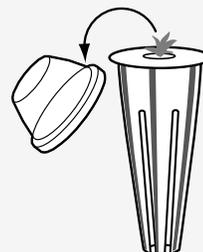
• Water Low

When light blinks add water up to "Fill To Here."

• Remove *Bio-Domes*

When plants appear through hole in *Seed Pod Label*, remove *Bio-Dome* and discard or recycle.

NOTE: Never remove *Seed Pod Labels*.

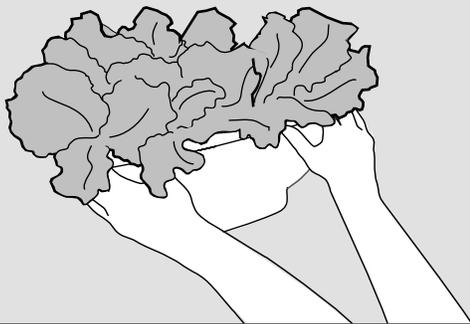


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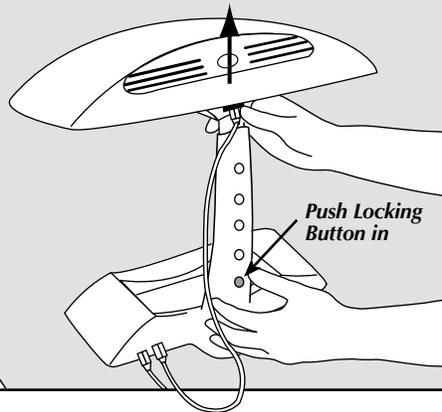
Raise Lamp Hood (Lights)

As plants grow to **1-2" from lights**, raise *Lamp Arm* one *Locking Button* at a time. Be sure *Lamp Arm* is set on the lowest *Locking Button* when starting your AeroGarden 6.

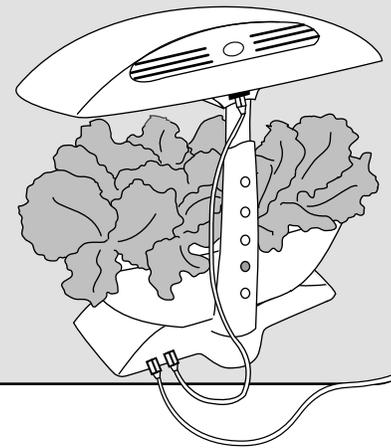
- 1 Unplug AeroGarden 6 and remove *Bowl* from *Base*.



- 2 Raise *Lamp Arm/Lamp Hood* by holding *Lamp Arm & Hood* with one hand, and pushing in *Locking Button* with the other.



- 3 Replace *Bowl* on *Base* and plug in AeroGarden 6.



Replace Grow Bulbs – Order bulbs at www.aerogardensupport.com



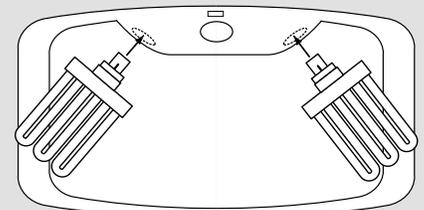
When “Replace Bulbs” light on *Control Panel* begins blinking after 6 months of use...

- Unplug AeroGarden 6.
- Remove old *Grow Bulbs* and carefully discard.*
- IMPORTANT:** To avoid burning, be sure *Grow Bulbs* are cool before handling.
- Insert new *Grow Bulbs* into *Lamp Hood*.
- Plug in AeroGarden 6 and press and release “Reset” button to restart grow bulb timer.

Early *Grow Bulb* Replacement

If you replace *Grow Bulbs* before “Replace Bulbs” light illuminates, be sure to restart grow bulb timer as follows:

- Press and hold “Lights” button until light next to your selected plant type starts blinking – about 5 seconds.
- Release “Lights” button. The plant type selected light will continue to blink for about 9 seconds. While plant light is still blinking...
- Quickly press and release “Reset” button. “Replace Bulbs” light will blink once and the plant selected light will stop blinking.



*Check with local recycling authorities for light bulb recycling availability in your area.

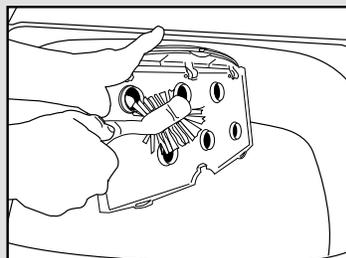
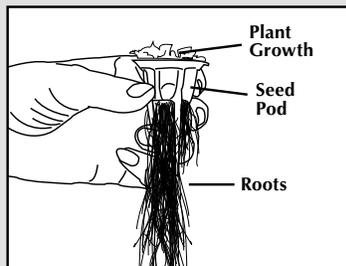
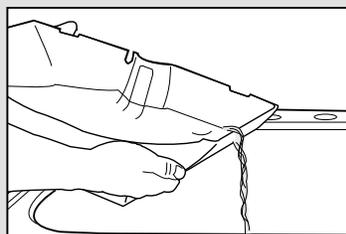
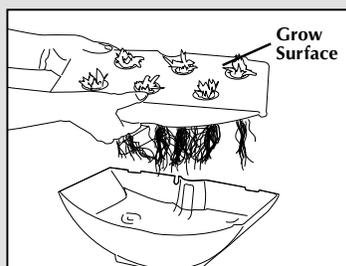
Prepare For Your Next Garden

Cleaning Instructions for your AeroGarden

Use only water and mild soap when cleaning your AeroGarden (except when Sanitizing - Step 6). Do not use abrasive cleaners or run through the dishwasher.

When your garden has completed its growing cycle...

- 1 Unplug AeroGarden.
- 2 Carefully remove *Bowl* and *Grow Surface* from *Base* and bring to a sink. Set *Base* and *Lamp Hood* aside.
NEVER SUBMERSE BASE AND CONTROL PANEL IN WATER.
- 3 Remove *Grow Surface* from *Bowl* and place on a counter near a sink.
- 4 Empty contents of *Bowl* in sink.
- 5 Remove *Seed Pods* and plants from *Grow Surface*.
 - Pull *Seed Pods* out of *Grow Surface* openings.
 - Throw away *Seed Pods* and plant debris (plant growth and roots). If you compost, plant debris can be composted.
- 6 Sanitize AeroGarden.
 - Fill *Bowl* $\frac{3}{4}$ full with water.
 - Add $\frac{1}{4}$ cup (59ml) of chlorine bleach.
 - Let sit for 2 minutes.
 - Using sanitizing water, wipe *Grow Surface* and *Bowl* with soft cloth or sponge.*
**Gloves recommended.*
 - Scrub underside of *Grow Surface* with soft scrub brush to remove any tangled roots.
 - Empty bleach water from *Bowl*.



- 7 Rinse *Bowl* and *Grow Surface* with tap water. Repeat.
- 8 Towel dry *Bowl* and *Grow Surface* before putting them back together and setting them on *Base*.
- 9 If *Grow Bulbs* have been in use more than 6 months, they should be replaced at this time (see page 12).

Your AeroGarden is now ready for replanting.

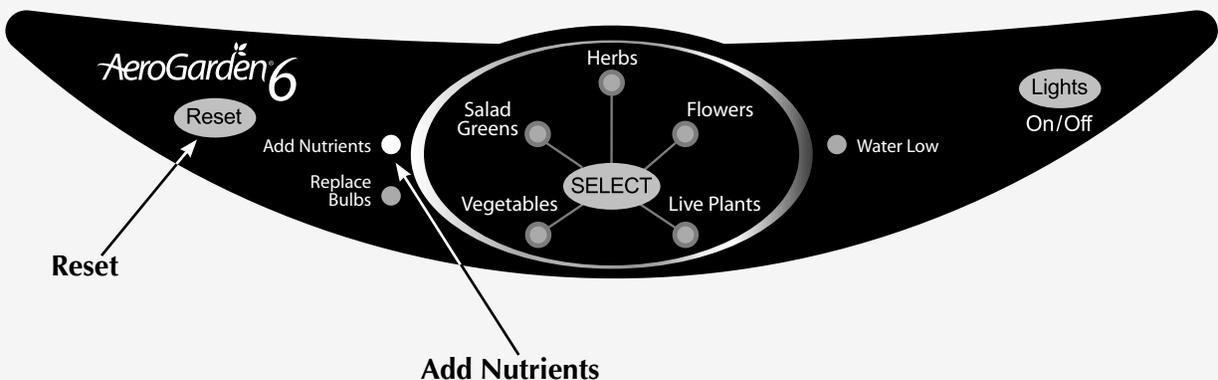
Prepare For Your Next Garden (continued)

Replanting Your AeroGarden

If you have already grown a garden in your AeroGarden 6, please follow the instructions below to reset the nutrient timer:

- Press and hold “Reset” button until red “Add Nutrients” light blinks 3 or 4 times (about 9 seconds).
- Release “Reset” button. “Add Nutrients” light will turn off.
- Your AeroGarden is now reset. (In some cases you may see other lights blink as well. This is nothing to worry about.)

NOTE: These steps do not reset grow bulb timer.



Remember to...

- Replace *Grow Bulbs* after 6 months of use. *Grow Bulbs* can be ordered at www.aerogardensupport.com or from your retailer.
- Sanitize AeroGarden 6 before replanting (see page 13).
- Set your *Lamp Hood* to lowest position when starting a new garden.

! Bundle cord when furnishing is not in use.

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.

NOTE: This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class B digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference in a residential installation. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instructions, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. However, there is no guarantee that interference will not occur in a particular installation. If this equipment does cause harmful interference to radio or television reception, which can be determined by turning the equipment off and on, the user is encouraged to try to correct the interference by one or more of the following measures: Reorient or relocate the receiving antenna; Increase the separation between the equipment and receiver; Connect the equipment into an outlet on a circuit different from that to which the receiver is connected; or, Consult the dealer or an experienced radio/TV technician for help.

To reduce the risk of electric shock, this furnishing 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: TO PREVENT ELECTRIC SHOCK, MATCH WIDE BLADE OF PLUG TO WIDE SLOT, FULLY INSERT.

ATTENTION: POUR ÉVITER UN CHOC ÉLECTRIQUE, PRÉSENTER LA LAME LARGE À LA FENTE LARGE ET POUSSER JUSQU'AU FOND.