

pH Quick Reference

SITUATION	TARGET PH
AeroGarden nutrients	5.5 - 7.0
Third-party nutrients	5.5 - 6.5
Herbs (general)	5.5 - 6.5
Lettuce / greens	5.5 - 6.0
Tomatoes / peppers	5.5 - 6.5

Tip: Check pH one day after mixing third-party nutrients. A \$20 pH meter pays for itself.

Nutrient Schedule

TASK	FREQUENCY
Add AeroGarden solution	Every 2 weeks
Full water change	Every 4 weeks
GH Flora Series dose	5-7 ml/gal (equal parts)
Start third-party at	Half strength
Check water level	Every 2-3 days

Quick Fixes

Plants dying: Check water level first, then root rot (brown mushy roots = stagnant water)

Algae: Light reaching water. Cover empty pod slots, block gaps in grow deck

Yellow leaves: Lower leaves normal. Spreading upward = nutrient deficiency

Brown leaf tips: Calcium issue from poor airflow. Add a small fan nearby

Bolting: Cut flower stems before they open. Move unit away from direct sun

Pump not running: Check cycle timer first. If dead, contact AeroGarden support

Light Hours by Crop

CROP	HOURS/DAY
Herbs (basil, mint, chives)	14 - 16
Lettuce / greens	12 - 14
Tomatoes / peppers	16 - 18
Flowers	14 - 16

AeroGarden default: 16 on / 8 off. Fine for herbs. Adjust for other crops.

Crop Quick Reference

HERB	GERMINATION	HARVEST	DIFFICULTY
Basil	5-10 days	3-4 weeks	Easy
Mint	7-14 days	3-4 weeks	Easy
Chives	7-14 days	4-5 weeks	Easy
Thai basil	7-10 days	3-4 weeks	Easy
Cilantro	7-10 days	3-4 weeks	Medium
Dill	7-14 days	3-5 weeks	Medium
Parsley	14-21 days	5-6 weeks	Easy
Lettuce	3-7 days	3-4 weeks	Easy

System Comparison

SYSTEM	PODS	PRICE
AeroGarden Harvest	6	~\$70
AeroGarden Bounty	9	~\$180
iDOO 12-Pod	12	~\$80
Click & Grow	3-9	~\$100+

Note: Click & Grow uses soil pods, not true hydroponics.