

iDOO Desktop System Instructions



MAINTENANCE

Just 10–20 minutes of weekly maintenance will keep your unit and plants happy and healthy!

One time maintenance

- **Remove domes (~1 week after planting)**
 - After your seedlings have sprouted, or when they are ready to outgrow the domes, remove the domes.
- **Thin seedlings (1–2 weeks after planting)**
 - Since you planted 2–3 seeds in each sponge, you might have 2–3 plants growing in some sponges! Choose the strongest looking seedling to keep. Then, gently pluck out the other seedlings out of the sponge, or use clean scissors to cut the other seedlings at the base of the sponge. This is important to give the plants the room they need to grow!

Weekly maintenance

- **Keep water topped off**
 - Always keep at least 1 L of water in the reservoir. Each time you add a liter of water, add 5 mL of nutrient A and 5 mL of nutrient B. You will notice the plants use water at a faster rate as they grow.
- **Plant maintenance (3–4 weeks after planting)**
 - As your crops start to get larger, you can begin small partial harvests/pruning as needed.
 - With clean scissors, harvest the outer, lower leaves of lettuces and greens by cutting them at the base. You can use these partial harvests in salads, for garnishes, or as a snack, while allowing the center of the plant to keep growing.
 - For herbs like basil, you can prune to encourage the plants to bush out and produce more harvest. Using clean scissors, cut just above a set of two leaves. When pruning, always keep in mind to never remove more than $\frac{1}{3}$ of a plant at a time.