

iDOO Desktop System Instructions



HARVESTING

After about 6 weeks of growth, your mature plants will be ready to harvest! There are a few different ways to harvest depending on the age of your plants and the purpose for the harvest, described below.

Materials:

- Clean scissors
- Ice bath and towels (recommended)
- Bags or containers for storage
- Table or space for harvested plants
- Cooler or refrigerator for storage
- Salad spinner (recommended)

Method #1: Whole plant harvesting

Purpose:

- You wish to remove the whole plant for use or sale
- You are ready to transplant new seedlings into the system
- You are ready to clean and/or shut down your system for a school vacation

1. Pull out whole plants with roots attached OR cut the plant fully at its base and discard roots later
2. Dunk plants in an ice bath to preserve their color and crispness
3. Dry plants with towels or by using a salad spinner
4. Place in bags or containers
 - a. If roots are still attached, they can be wrapped in a wet paper towel prior to storage
5. Store in cooler or refrigerator unit ready for use

Method #2: Partial harvest (cut and come again)

Purpose:

- Plants may still be young, but you wish to use some produce now, while allowing plants to continue growing
- This works best for lettuces and herbs

1. Locate and cut the biggest, outer lower leaves of the plant, making sure to leave the smaller inner leaves attached
2. Dunk leaves in an ice bath
3. Dry leaves with towels or using salad spinner
4. Place leaves in a bag or container
5. Store in cooler or refrigerator until ready for use