

Recommended Crops



Despite the small stature of your home hydroponics system, it's capable of some pretty impressive growing. (Just check out the tomato plants below from Park Village ES!)

While greens and herbs are great for your first grow cycle, you might quickly be inspired to try some more advanced crops.

The following pages summarize the crops we've tried and tested, by level of difficulty, to help guide you as you continue growing.

Interested in growing something not on the lists below?

We always encourage experimentation, and we welcome questions, suggestions, or success stories!

Note: If you're growing fruiting and flowering crops, be sure to review our [Fruits/Flowers Crop Care](#) and [Pruning](#) guides!



Level 1 - Simple & Quick

These plants are fairly disease resistant, have high germination rates, and have a 6 week or quicker grow cycle.

TYPE	VARIETY	TYPICAL GERMINATION	TYPICAL HARVEST
Lettuce	Butter Crunch	2-3 days	4-6 weeks
Lettuce	Flashy Trout Back Romaine	2-3 days	4-6 weeks
Lettuce	Green Butter	2-3 days	4-6 weeks
Lettuce	Iceburg	2-3 days	4-6 weeks
Lettuce	Little Gem Bibb	2-3 days	4-6 weeks
Lettuce	Lolla Rosa	2-3 days	4-6 weeks
Lettuce	Magenta Salanova	2-3 days	4-6 weeks
Lettuce	Paris Match	2-3 days	4-6 weeks
Lettuce	Red Butter	2-3 days	4-6 weeks
Lettuce	Salad Bowl	2-3 days	4-6 weeks
Lettuce	Speckle	2-3 days	4-6 weeks
Lettuce	Sunland Romaine	2-3 days	4-6 weeks
Greens (non-lettuce)	Arugula	3-5 days	4-6 weeks
Greens (non-lettuce)	Mustard Greens	3-5 days	4-6 weeks
Greens (non-lettuce)	Tatsoi	3-5 days	4-6 weeks
Greens (non-lettuce)	Swiss Chard	3-5 days	4-6 weeks
Herbs	Basil (Thai, Genovese, Purple)	7-10 days	4-6 weeks
Herbs	Chives	7-10 days	4-6 weeks
Herbs	Dill	7-10 days	4-6 weeks
Herbs	Mint	7-10 days	4-6 weeks
Root	Radish (Crunchy King, French Breakfast)	3-5 days	4-6 weeks

Tips

- **Lettuces** typically allow for partial harvests starting at 3-4 weeks, and can be harvested 2-3 times this way.
- **Herbs** can be fully harvested at 4-6 weeks, or cut back and regrown for multiple harvests.

These plants may have longer germination or harvest times, or come with increased complication due to plan size or equipment needed.

TYPE/VARIETY	TYPICAL GERMINATION	TYPICAL HARVEST
Greens		
Chinese Cabbage	7-10 days	4-6 weeks
Collard Green	7-10 days	4-6 weeks
Kale (Lacinato, Dinosaur, Dwarf Siberian, Red Russian)	7-10 days	4-6 weeks
Pak Choi (Black Summer)	7-10 days	4-6 weeks
Herbs		
Cilantro	10-14 days	6 weeks+
Oregano	10-14 days	6 weeks+
Parsley	10-14 days	6 weeks+
Sage	10-14 days	6 weeks+
Fruiting		
Bean: Gold Rush Wax, Blue Lake 146	7-14 days	6-10 weeks
Pea: Sugar Snap	7-14 days	6-10 weeks
Pepper: Lunchbox, Early Jalapeño	7-14 days	6-10 weeks
Strawberry: Elan	7-14 days	6-10 weeks
Tomato: Tiny Tim, Tiny Treats, Tasmanian Chocolate, Red Robin, Mini Belle, Slim Siam	7-14 days	6-10 weeks
Flowers		
Marigold: Durango Outback Mix, Red/Tangerine/ Lemon Gem Edible	7-14 days	6-10 weeks
Phlox: Cherry Caramel Phlox	7-14 days	6-10 weeks
Viola: Aalsmeer King Size Mix, Sorbet Formula Mix	7-14 days	6-10 weeks

Tips

- **Herbs** can be fully harvested at ~6 weeks, or pruned and regrown for multiple harvests.
 - Learn how to prune [here](#)
- For **fruiting and flowering** plants, check out our [Fruiting and Flowering Crop Care](#) guide

Level 3 - Shoot for the Stars!

These plants are viable to grow in hydroponics, but the most difficult we have tested. They may have longer germination or harvest times, or come with increased complication due to plant size or equipment needed.

TYPE/VARIETY	TYPICAL GERMINATION	TYPICAL HARVEST	NOTES
Greens			
Spinach	7-14 days	4-6 weeks	Spinach is very hard to germinate in hydroponics - usually around 10% germination rate. However, it's a good grower when it germinates!
Fruiting			Fruiting plants may need additional support for their large sizes and extra considerations. Check out our [FRUITING FLOWERING PLANT GUIDE] for more info!
Cucumber (Qwerty mini, Katrina, Bush)	7-10 days	4-6 weeks	
Tomato (Early Treat, Bushsteak Hybrid, Roma VF, Baby Boomer)	7-10 days	4-6 weeks	
Pepper (Big Thai Hybrid, Gigantina Jalapeno, California Blend Bell)	7-10 days	4-6 weeks	
Ornamental Flowers			Many ornamental flowers grow a little large and germinate a little slow in desktop hydroponic units. These are the types we recommend if you want larger yet beautiful desktop flowers. Look for dwarf and short varieties. It's also possible to germinate seedlings of ornamental flowers in the hydroponics systems and then transplant them to soil in pots or outside!
Zinnia	10-14 days	6 weeks+	
Snapdragons	10-14 days	6 weeks+	

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