

Welcome to Naked Hydroponics!

In just a few weeks, you should be able to start pinching off a few leaves of Lettuce or Basil, or be admiring some new colour on your veranda. Other vegetables will take longer of course. Be sure to pick a location to suit the plants you wish to grow; Celery and mint for instance are quite shade tolerant, whereas other plants may require more sun.

1. Unpack your Planter. Inside you should find 2 125ml bottles of sample nutrients, 2 brackets, 2 foam strips, drainage tube and packing foam.
2. Push Drain hose firmly into the hole in the end of the planter. Note one end is 'birdmouthed' to make it easier. The other end loops up into another hole on top of the planter when not in use.
3. Screw the cup hooks (taped to the underside of the lid) into the ends of the planter. Tap the eyebolts into 1/4" holes in your wall (on Fibro walls, ensure you hit a stud, in brick drill into mortar). Use the planter as a guide to approximately how far apart the eyebolts should be.
4. Place your planter on the brackets, and add a litre or so of water with the nutrients. We recommend 5ml of each part for the first week, until your plants get a little bigger.
5. Top up with another 3 litres water (about 4 litres total). The planter does not need to be more than about half full – but the roots of the seedlings need to be able to reach the water! (Seedlings should be at least 75mm tall, to avoid transplant stress.)
6. Remove your seedlings from the punnet and wash thoroughly with a fine spray from your hose, or wash under a tap, and insert the plants into a hole.
7. Cut the foam provided into 9 lengths, 20 mm x 50mm, and wrap around the seedlings to hold them in the Planter. (**Warning! Some plants -like cucumbers- are prone to collar rot. We recommend you remove the foam as soon as plants are large enough to not fall in).**

That's it! Check the water level every day or three, and top up as required (the bigger the plants, the faster they will use water). Every week you will need to drain the planter and flush it out, before topping up with fresh nutrient at the dosage prescribed on the labels. **Remember you must always use both parts together, and in equal proportions.**

The 2 x1 litre pack of 'Optimum Grow' nutrient will last one planter about 1 year, at the prescribed dosage; **but you can always buy more planters!** In fact, if you separate the heavy feeders (fruiting veggies like tomatoes, cucumbers, etc.) and light feeders (leafy veggies like lettuce, celery, basil, etc.) into separate planters, you can feed the light planter with 'spent' nutrient from the heavy planter.

For leafy vegetables, we recommend at most 10ml nutrient (each part) a fortnight. For tomatoes and cucumbers, build up to 15~20 ml a week, when they are in full fruit.

Remember, this is an outdoor system. Plant growth will depend on local conditions of heat, light and shade. Your results will depend on choosing the right plant for the location.

We are happy to offer a 60 day money back guarantee on the planters, return postage not included.

For more information, tips, advice or perhaps you'd like to tell us about your experiences, please go to nakedhydroponics.com

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