Hydroponic, Aquaponic, Aeroponic Gardening

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Hydroponics - growing without soil, using water with nutrients instead.

Aquaponics – grows with both fish and plants, utilizing the waste from one to feed the other.

Aeroponics - growing plants in an air or mist environment with no soil and very little water (recycled water)

Fish-Water-Plants-Sunshine Life is good



Water with added nutrients (no fish)

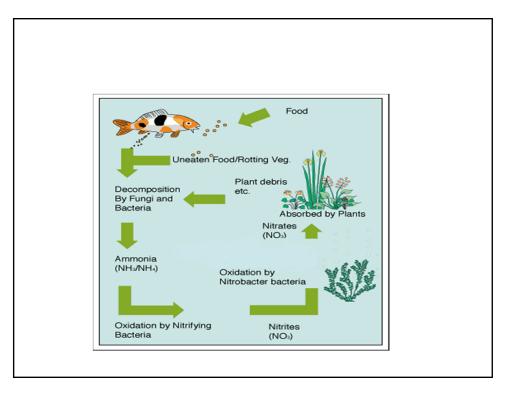


It's all about the Nitrogen!

Nitrogen is usually the nutrient that is in limited supply.

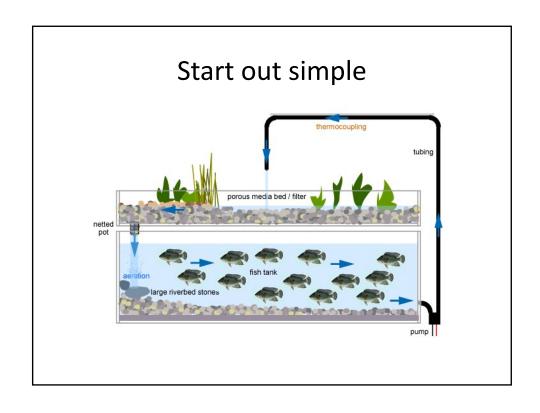
Plants deficient in nitrogen are stunted and yellowish (especially the lower leaves), and have restricted root growth.

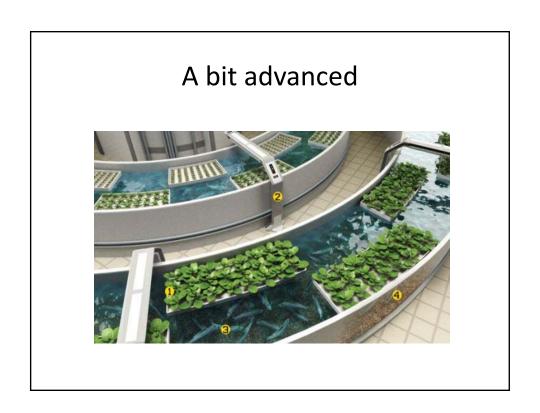
Of all the soil minerals, nitrogen fertilization usually has the quickest and most pronounced increase in plant growth and yields.











Keep in mind aquaponics is an organic method of farming and involves live animals. The use of any chemical or organically derived fertilizers may result in the death of your fish. The fish create the nutrients that are essential for the health of your plants. It is important to feed them high quality fish food several times a day to ensure proper nutrient levels in your system. By adjusting the amount of food to what is consumed without extra after a few minutes, you can maintain high growth rates. Whenever possible, supplement your fish's diet with live food.

Plants need:

- Water
- Nutrients
- Light
- Air
- Structural Support

Aeroponics



Aeroponics and Misting

True aeroponics use a mist of nutrients over the plant roots inside a dark growing chamber. The nutrient and spray interval will produce fast growth rates, high yields and healthy roots, as long as the root chamber is kept at temperatures between 62F to 71F with good stability.

What can you grow? Any plant above ground!

GROW A THEMED TOWER GARDEN

SALAD GREENS TOWER GARDEN



- MustardRadicchioSpinach

HERB TOWER GARDEN



- Dandelion
 Dill
 Fennel
 Oregano
 Sage
 Red shiso



ASIAN GREENS TOWER GARDEN

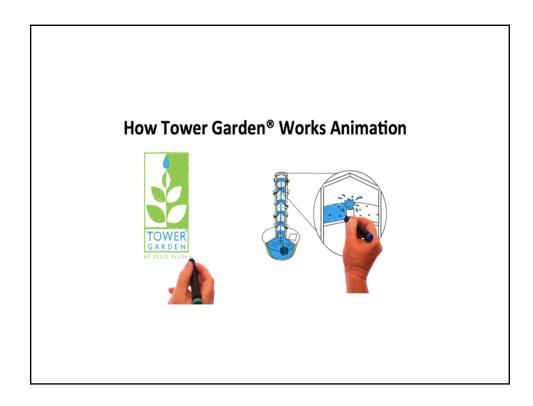


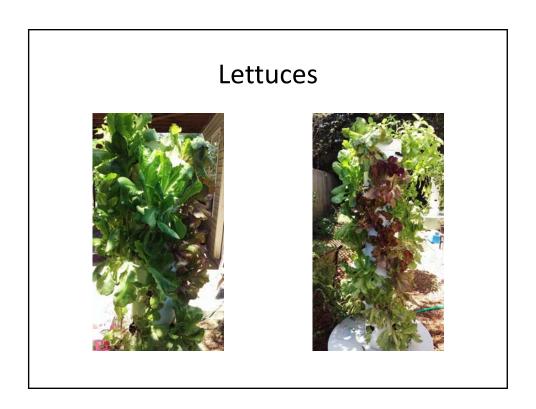
- Asian basil Pak choi
 - Red shiso
- Chinese cabbage











Supplies with most kits...











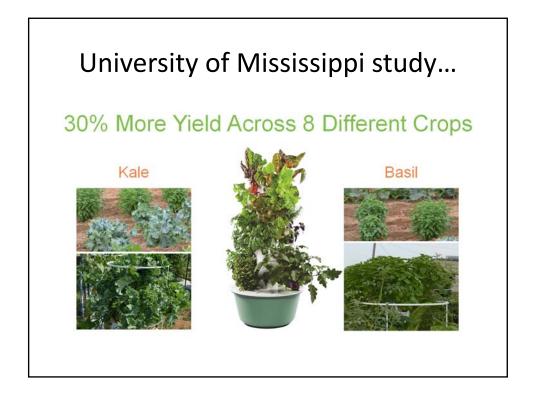


Reduce your footprint



Got a corner? Plant a garden!







My Watermelon from a tower!





Lemon Cucumbers



Ornamental / water sounds









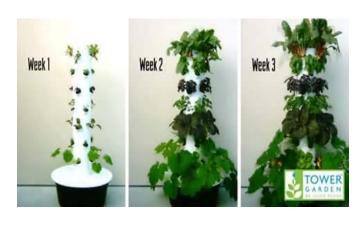
Portable! WHERE DO YOU TOWER GARDEN?

Add a cage for vining plants





More harvests





Swiss Chard



Kid approved!



Just add light....





All from MY Tower! A proud moment.



As simple or complex as you'd like. KohlsTarget





Classroom example

