

Using WICKS in Hydroponic Systems:

Wicks help draw water from the reservoir up into the growing medium when plant roots are not yet long enough to reach the water on their own. They are most commonly used when starting seedlings or when using adapters, extenders, or other accessories that place the growing medium farther above the water source.

Once plant roots grow long enough to reach the water, the wick is usually no longer needed.

When to Use a Wick

Use a wick when:

- Starting seeds in a sponge or growing medium
- Roots cannot yet reach the water reservoir
- Using adapters or accessories that raise the plant above the water level

As your plant matures and roots reach the water, the plant will naturally take over the job of pulling water up.

How to Install a Wick

1. Thread the wick through the bottom of the growing sponge or medium so part of it extends below the pod or basket. If your pod already has a growing medium in it you may need to push up the sponge/rockwool up to make room to thread your wick in.
2. Place the sponge or medium into your pod or holder as usual or push it back down if you moved it up.
3. Make sure the bottom of the wick **reaches into the water reservoir**.

The wick will draw water upward to help keep the growing medium moist.

Important Tips

- Always **fully soak your sponge or growing medium before planting or when transplanting**.
- Make sure the wick actually **reaches the water below**.
- Periodically **check the moisture level of the growing medium**, especially while plants are young.

Wicks help move water, but they work best when the medium starts fully hydrated.

Cleaning & Reuse

Wicks can be reused if they are still clean and in good condition.

- Rinse with warm water after removing from the garden
- Allow to air dry completely before reuse

If the wick becomes stiff, discolored, or difficult to clean, it's best to replace it.

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About Freshly Printed Greens

Freshly Printed Greens is a small, independent shop dedicated to making helpful tools for indoor hydroponic gardeners (including myself). Every design is created, tested, and 3D printed in-house with a focus on practical solutions for real gardens.

Gardening is always a learning process, and I enjoy learning from and helping fellow growers troubleshoot, experiment, and improve their setups. If you ever have questions about your garden, feel free to reach out—I'm always happy to help. Maybe together we can become better gardeners :D.

Even if you don't have questions and just want to show off your setup. I LOVE seeing your gardens and gain so much from seeing how other people do things.