



Care & Handling

Specific Tips



Always use the Best Care and Handling practices for fresh, long lasting flowers!

Your flowers have been shipped dry from farms in South America and may appear wilted. This is natural, for they have been without water for 24 Hours and are very thirsty. Immediately upon arrival, your flowers need to be cared for. After proper hydration their appearance will change the flowers will bloom beautifully.

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PREPARE THE CONTAINERS:

- Fill clean container(s) with 4 inches of clean, cool water.

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PREPARE THE FLOWERS:

- Remove flowers from box by cutting any straps on outside or inside of box.
- With sharp scissors or knife cut the stems at an angle about 1 inch from the bottom. This will re-open the channels within the stem and allow flowers to absorb the water.
- Remove all leaves on the stems that may touch the water in the container. Leaves can create bacteria, and should never touch the water.
- Place stems in prepared water filled containers.
- Allow flowers at least 4-6 hours to re-hydrate-some flowers need up to 12 hours.
- Check and maintain water levels-certain flowers absorb a lot of water quickly.
- For the freshest flowers-recut stems and clean and refill containers with clean water every 2 days.
- Do not place flowers in a warm environment or in the path of direct sunlight. A cool, dark environment is best for flowers until they need to be cut and arranged.



Roses:

Roses are packed in LAYERS within each bunch. The second layer of roses is not visible from the top of the bunch. To confirm the number of roses in each bunch, flip the bunch over and count the stems. Keep the carton sleeve on each bunch for the first 4 hours of re-hydration. Roses are shipped with their GUARD PETALS for extra protection. These petals may appear brownish and will need to be carefully removed after re-hydration.



Hydrangeas:

Hydrangeas are very thirsty flowers. After re-hydration, if the blooms still appear droopy, please submerge head of the hydrangea in water, lightly shake off the water from the head and make a diagonal cut 2 cm off the base of the stem, then place the flowers in water. You may also use a spray bottle to moisturize the heads without dunking them. Make a diagonal cut 2 cm off the base of the stem, then place the flowers in water. PLEASE DO NOT DUNK PAINTED HYDRANGEA BLOOMS IN WATER!!! The paint will run...



Asiatic and Oriental Lilies:

Lilies are shipped with closed blooms and may need up to 4 days to fully open up. Once they begin to open up, gently remove the pollen sacks in each flower as the pollen will stain surfaces, including furniture and clothing.



Baby's Breath (Gypsophila):

Baby's Breath will keep fresh for a couple of weeks with proper care and handling. Although the stems need to be placed in clean, fresh water, the little blooms should not get wet. Please keep Baby's Breath in a cool environment for best results.