

Flower care

We want you to enjoy your flowers! All our flowers are conditioned before they leave the shop, but they still need some TLC when you get them home to ensure that you get the best out of them.

Here are our tips for best results:

- **Always** cut an inch off every flower stem at an angle, with sharp scissors or secateurs before immediately placing your flowers in water. Stem ends start to dry and seal up as soon as flowers are taken out of water, which means that if they go back into water without being re-cut they will not drink fully, if at all. Flowers are just like us, they need to be kept hydrated and will soon flag if they're thirsty!
- Make sure your chosen vase is totally clean before arranging your flowers in it.
- Pour some warm water into your vase, add the cut flower food supplied and stir well to dissolve. Top up the vase with cold water.
- Place your flowers in the vase ensuring that any leaves which will be below the water are removed.
- For maximum vase life change the water in the vase every 2-3 days and re-trim the stems.

Hand tied bouquets

- Remove the gift wrapping but do not cut the string that is holding the flowers in the design the florist created. Trim the stems as above, to the length required to display the flowers in your favourite vase.
- If your bouquet is in a bubble of water, make a cut in the cellophane over the sink and let the water drain out. Remove the wrapping but leave the tie around the stems. Display the flowers as above.

Basket and container arrangements

- Your flowers are arranged in a water-retaining foam. On receipt of your flowers top up the container with water to which flower food has been added. Check the water level daily and top up if required. **Do not let the floral foam dry out.**
- Do not place your display on an unprotected surface. Always place a mat under the container.

General care

- Avoid placing your flowers where they will catch the sun or near a heat source such as a radiator, open fire or stove.
- The cooler the room, the longer your flowers will last, but avoid placing in a draught.
- Removing any faded blooms will encourage buds to open and keep your display looking good for longer.
- If your flowers show signs of wilting despite following the care tips above please contact us. We want you to be happy with your gift/purchase and enjoy your flowers to the full.

Flower-specific care

Daffodils and narcissi

These exude a sap when their stems are freshly cut, which affects other flowers. Keep them in a vase on their own for 24 hours after cutting the stems, after which time they can be safely mixed with other flowers.

Hyacinths

These last best when kept on their root base, so do not cut the ends unless you need the reduced length for your vase.

Hydrangeas

As their name implies these need a lot of water. If they start to flag cut an inch off the stem on a slant with sharp scissors or secateurs and then either, wrap the heads to support and protect them before placing the stem end in one inch of boiling water for a few minutes before topping up with cold water, or submerge the stem and head briefly in water before leaving to float until revived e.g. in the bath.

Lilies

We recommend that as each flower opens you remove the pollen from the stamens before it goes fluffy. This will ensure that the pollen does not drop and stain clothes, carpets etc. If you do get lily pollen on anything the best way to remove it is to dab the area with sticky tape. This will lift the pollen off the fabric. **Do not rub it!**

If you need help on the care of any flowers and plants not mentioned above please get in touch, we're here to help.