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Cutting Flowers: Handle with Care!

A simple bouquet of freshly cut flowers arranged in a vase brings so much pleasure! They make you feel better when you are under the weather, liven up any room, add a certain je ne sais que to a dining table and will always be the perfect romantic gesture. Cut flowers bring us so much joy that we naturally want our floral displays to last and last. Although their beautiful blooms may be fleeting, we have some brilliant tips to help you care for your cut flowers and extend their vase life just that little bit further.

Always buy the best: Buying bouquets from

This care and attention will ultimately produce top quality flowers. If you cannot determine who the grower is then purchasing flowers from a great retailer is the next best option. A good retailer will always select flowers that originate from a good grower and are as fresh as can be. You can check for yourself if the retailer is caring for their flowers by taking a sniff of the buckets!

A build up of bacteria in the water will contaminate the flowers and reduce vase life... you will definitely be able to smell if the water is dirty! Clean buckets and water mean healthy flowers.

Time your purchase: Try and buy your flowers as soon as they reach the retailer to get the longest possible vase life. The flowers of bulbs should still be tightly closed. Plus, when you are shopping, make sure your cut flowers are the last item on your list. The less time your flowers are out of water – the better.

Displaying your bouquet: Place your cut flowers in water as soon as you arrive home, as they will be thirsty! Cut off the bottom 2cm of each stem diagonally with a pair of sharp scissors or secateurs. The bottom of the stems will be dehydrated since harvesting, so those cells will not easily absorb water.

Remove any leaves that will sit below the rim of the vase and then place your flowers in a clean vase filled with room-temperature tap water. A glass vase is always best for freshly cut flowers.

Furthermore, topping up the vase with fresh water when required is also important, however, you needn't change the water if you have used cut flower food. The vase environment adjusts to suit the flowers (especially when cut flower food is present) and changing the water entirely may affect this.

a reputable grower will ensure the flowers have experienced the optimum care and attention during growing, picking, post-harvest treatment, transportation and storage.

A cool spot, away from draughts, direct sunlight and heaters is best for a vase of cut flowers. If your house is heated, placing the vase of flowers outside just before you go to bed can double their vase life. Don't forget to bring them back in at breakfast time!

Finally... make sure you admire them each day! Take a lovely big sniff, appreciate their beautiful petals and bright colours, and enjoy the life a big vase of cut flowers brings to your home.

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