

# Caring for Your Cut Flowers

Bring the beauty of fresh flowers into your home with these simple care tips. With proper attention, your blooms can stay vibrant and fragrant longer, brightening up your space for days to come.

## 1. Prepare Your Vase

- Clean your vase thoroughly to remove bacteria.
- Fill it with fresh, cool water.
- Add flower food (provided with your bouquet) to nourish the flowers and inhibit bacteria growth.

## 2. Trim the Stems

- Use sharp scissors or pruning shears to cut 1-2 inches off the bottom of each stem.
- Cut stems at a 45-degree angle to maximize water uptake.
- Remove any leaves that will sit below the waterline to prevent decay.

## 3. Place Your Flowers Carefully

- Arrange your flowers in the vase, ensuring they have enough space to breathe.
- Avoid overcrowding to reduce the risk of bruising or wilting.

## 4. Position Wisely

- Keep your flowers in a cool, shaded area away from direct sunlight, heat, and drafts.
- Avoid placing them near fruit, as ripening fruit releases ethylene gas that can speed up wilting.

## 5. Refresh Regularly

- Change the water every 2-3 days to keep it fresh.
- Re-trim the stems slightly each time you change the water.
- Add more flower food as needed.

## 6. Extend Their Beauty

- Mist the petals lightly with water to keep them hydrated.
- Remove wilted flowers promptly to preserve the remaining blooms.
- Consider adding a natural preservative like a teaspoon of sugar or a few drops of bleach to the water (if flower food is unavailable).

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**Tip:** If you notice your flowers starting to wilt, try submerging the stems in lukewarm water for 30 minutes to revive them. Enjoy your flowers from **Los Milagros Flower Farm**, and let their beauty brighten your day!