

# Thanks Mom – Mother's Day is May 10

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It's easy to make the flowers you give Mom on Mother's Day last.

The following are tips provided by Flowers Canada (Ontario).

### Choose flowers like fresh produce

Look for blooms that are just starting to open, have firm stems, healthy leaves and erect, vibrant petals.

### Ask for flowers in season

Thanks to the diversity of the global garden, most flowers have year-round availability. But a cut tulip in November won't be as vibrant or as long-lasting as the May version and will certainly be more costly.

### Trim the stems of hand-tied or loose boxed flowers

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constant source of hydration to ensure their longevity.

If the stems have been out of water for even a short time, the dried ends will inhibit water uptake. Trim on the diagonal with a sharp knife or shears before placing in a clean vase, filled with warm water and cut flower food.

### Feed your flowers daily


Florists' flowers that come in vase or floral foam container have been pretreated with products that keep the water clear, clean and odourless, inhibit bacterial growth and promote flower blossoming.

However, further treatment is recommended to extend the life of the flowers.

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