

Thanks Mom - Mother's Day is May 10

Remove wilted flowers from an arrangement, like apples, one bad one will spoil the rest

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Simply dissolved the contents of the flower food sachet in fresh water in a watering container and top up your flower container daily. **Give your flowers space**
Display in a cool, draft-free location, away from harsh sunlight and heat vents. Don't set flowers on top of a TV or stereo. **Replace or remove wilted flowers**

Some flowers like the delicate iris live only a few days while flowers like chrysanthemums and carnations almost survive on neglect. Remove any wilted flowers as soon as possible to prevent accelerated deterioration. (Flowers are like apples, one bad one can spoil the container). A professional arrangement is designed from the inside out and therefore should be able to withstand the absence of the more short-lived varieties. Better still, add fresh new flowers. **Reuse the greens**

Foliage is the secret ingredient in lush, full, professionally designed arrangements or bouquets. Many types of greens will last up to six weeks. Just trim the stems and use them again with new cut flowers. **Tips:**

A bent neck rose is a sign that the bloom is not drawing enough water. To correct the problem, try recutting the stem a few inches with sharp shears or a knife while holding the stem end under water. Then straighten the rose and lay in a tub of lukewarm water for about an hour before returning to your arrangement.

Along with grocery stores and other flower retailers, many professional florists are catering to customers who want to make their own bouquets with large, unrefrigerated displays of high-quality flowers and greens, grouped by colour and variety. **Remember mass, filler and line as the basic of floral design**

that are generally round and full-faced (e.g. roses, gerberas, tulips, lilies) and form the focal point of colour or interest in a bouquet. Filler refers to foliage that rounds out your bouquet and gives it a soft, full look (e.g. greens, baby's breath, heather, statice, solidaster). Line additions (e.g. branches, tall foliage, gladiolus, liatris, snapdragon) give your bouquet height, width, and a balanced look. **Space mass flowers evenly throughout filler**

Start at the rim of the vase and work towards the centre. **Finally, add line stems**
Place the longest stems in the centre and work out towards the sides. Stand back and review your bouquet, making necessary adjustments.

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