

Banksia Grove Florist

Flower Facts

Caring for Flowers in a vase or arrangement

- Ensure flowers you buy are as fresh as possible.
- Choose flowers that are just starting to open. Most will continue to open in the vase or arrangement.
- Avoid flowers that are wilting, have yellowing leaves, slimy stems or shrivelled buds. Don't buy flowers that have been standing in the sun.
- Keep flowers and arrangements cool, don't leave them in a hot car or exposed to direct sunlight.
- Place flowers in a bucket of fresh clean water while you prepare the vase.
- Use a clean vase filled with clean water into which some floral preservative has been added.
- Remove any lower leaves that are likely to be below the water line.
- Using clean sharp secateurs, cut off about 2 centimetres from the bottom of each stem.
- Arrange the flowers in the vase ensuring the base of all stems are below the water surface.
- Position your arrangement so that it is away from direct sun, heaters and draughts, and away from fruit and vegetables.
- Top up the water every few days or, better still, replace it. Flowers with woody stems drink a lot of water.