



Wedding Flower Instructions

Keep your flowers looking their best!

All flowers should be stored in a cool place for as long as possible. If you are not going to use them for over 2 hours, store them in a refrigerator (not a freezer). Be sure there are no apples in the refrigerator, it progresses the rotting of the flowers. 40 to 45 degrees is an ideal temperature for storing. If using within 2 to 3 hours, a very cool room or unheated basement will be fine.

Care for the Season—

Winter is ideal for flowers if it is not below freezing temperatures (32 degrees and below). If the flowers freeze, they will be ruined. DO NOT leave flowers in a car in freezing temperatures unless in something insulated. Be aware, if you want outdoor pictures in freezing temperatures, fresh flowers will die.

Summer will wilt certain flowers quicker than others. You will be advised on which ones will. Keeping all flowers in very cool conditions is the best. Sometimes spraying the blooms with cool water and storing in a refrigerator will refresh them. DO NOT leave flowers in a car unless in an insulated chest cooler with ice covered with newspaper. Do not leave in direct sunlight.

Bride's Bouquet— After using the bride's bouquet for the ceremony and the reception is a few hours away, cut the stems at the end of the bouquet handle about ¼ inch with sharp scissors and immediately put the bouquet in a vase with about 1 inch of water. Your bouquet will come in a vase when you pick it up. Spray the blooms with cool water and place in a refrigerator (with no apples). This will freshen up the bouquet and keep it looking nice at the reception. Most white shades of flowers, especially lilies and roses, will get brown scars if bumped so special care in handling is necessary.

Groom's Boutonniere— After using the boutonniere for the ceremony, spray the blooms with cool water and return to plastic box and store in a refrigerator until ready to use again.

Unarranged Stems of Flower— Please bring a clean tall bucket or a clean garbage pail when picking up unarranged stems of flowers.

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