



Tips for Keeping Cut Flowers Fresh

○ Choosing the right container

- Clean vase
- Fragile flowers in a tall vase
- Heavy flowers in a low vase to spread out

○ Cut stems first

- Cut 2" under running water
- Cut at 45 degree angle

○ Use correct water

- Most flowers do best with room temperature water
- Use slightly acidic water, pH 3.5-5.0
- Fill vase 3/4 full
- Prune leaves below waterline
- Replace dirty water or refill when waterline recedes

○ Food & drink

- Premade flower food
- DIY food: 3 parts water, 1 part Sprite (with sugar) and a few drops of bleach to kill bacteria
- A few drops of vodka slows down wilting