



BULK BUCKET PICK UP & CARE

In the days leading up to your bulk bucket pickup, it is important to be prepared and have the tools you need in order to guarantee success!

PICK UP: Pickups are scheduled for Thursdays between 10am-7pm on the Farm. The week of your reservation, we send an email reminder with final, detailed instructions. Depending on the time you arrive, there may or may not be a staff member present. If you would like to meet with someone, please ask us ahead of time and we will schedule someone to assist you! (email or call Tracey)

TRANSPORTATION: When picking up your buckets, make sure to have enough indoor space in your vehicle (no convertibles or pickup trucks!) to hold the numbers of buckets you have ordered. Air conditioning is a good idea, and if you have errands to run around town, drop your flowers at home first where they can rest in a cool area out of direct sunlight and wind. Once they reach their destination, assure each bunch of stems is still submerged in water. Flowers can get jostled during travel and this is a vital step to make sure everything survives transit.

FLOWER CONDITION: We have harvested the flowers with the intention of them being in full glory by Saturday. You will notice that some of the blooms have not yet unfolded. We follow detailed post harvest procedures that are unique to each variety of flower. We guarantee that every stem will be hydrated, happy and ready for you. Flowers can be arranged immediately upon pickup or the next day, both options will be fresh and gorgeous!

STORAGE: Your flowers need to be stored in a cool space, without direct sunlight or wind until you are ready to arrange and display them. Basements are usually good!
Do NOT put flowers in refrigeration! The fridge can have spots that will freeze flowers/foilage, and not all varieties like to be in the cooler.

ARRANGING: When it comes time to arrange you will need clean, sharp snips, a compost bin, and clean vases full of water. While arranging, make sure to strip foliage from stems in order to keep the water clean. Depending on the height of your vases, you may need to strip more foliage than we do during post harvest. Every stem should be recut before going into the arrangement, to ensure a fresh drink and a long vase life.

We suggest assigning the organizing and arranging to ONE person, who can delegate any flower related jobs, and take on helpers as they please. The arranging process will take longer than you expect. We recommend doing the arrangements the day before your event to help to keep things stress free.

HAVE FUN!

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