

Care and Handling of Roses

Get your roses home as quickly as possible; then process them immediately. Flowers without water become stressed and dehydrated, decreasing their life span.

Prepare the water. To do this:

1. Use clean water (not warm water as this will cause the flower to open more rapidly)
2. Add flower food, following package directions. Mixing incorrectly is as bad or worse than no food at all
3. Pour water solution into any clean, non-metal container

Remove foliage from the rose stem that will be below the water line in your container. This prevents dirt and bacteria formation and rotting which makes the water smell bad and shortens the flowers' life.

Re-cut the stems. Do this by:

1. Filling your sink with a few inches of water
2. Using a bunch cutter or sharp knife to help prevent the risk of crushing the internal structure of the stem
3. Cutting the stems under the clean water with your sharp tool

Your roses are now ready to be added to your prepared water in the container

Keep your arrangement out of direct sunlight, excessive heat, or drafts

Replenish the vase with fresh water & flower food as needed

To Revive a Wilted Rose

Remove the wilted (limp) rose from the arrangement. Re-cut the bottom inch of the stem, following the directions above. Place the flower into a warm water/flower food solution for one hour or until the flower becomes firm. When firm, return it to the arrangement