



DRYING FLOWERS WITH SILICA GEL

MICROWAVE DIRECTIONS

Prepare flowers the same as above but DO NOT COVER the container. Place in microwave (in a microwave-safe dish) with a glass of water and heat on medium power in one-minute increments until dry. See chart.

Timetable for Drying Flowers in a Microwave Oven

Drying Time (Medium Power)

1 to 2 minutes

Types of Flowers

Small flowers: Pansies, violas, baby's breath, buttercup, feverfew, heather, ferns, and other small open-faced flowers

2 to 3 minutes Medium-sized flowers: Azalea, calendula, daisy, aster, bachelor button, larkspur, delphinium, foxglove, and other multi-petaled flowers

3 to 3½ minutes' Large, dense flowers: Roses, carnations, gardenia, marigold, hydrangea, hyacinth, chrysanthemum, orchid, snapdragon, stock, peony The heavy, dense centers of some flowers will require extra time for a full container of the flowers.



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CONVENTIONAL DRYING METHOD

1. Choose plastic or metal container with tight-fitting lid.
2. Pour ACTIVA's Flower Art Silica Gel into the container to a depth of 1½" to cover the bottom. Cut flower stems to about 1½". Place flowers face up on surface of silica gel. Space flowers so they do not touch each other. Original stems may be dried and re-attached with floral wire and tape after drying.
3. Slowly sprinkle silica gel around base of flowers, adding it to the top and sides of the flowers. Be careful to support fragile petals with the silica gel before covering the top of the blossom. Make sure all parts of the flowers are covered with a generous layer of silica gel.
4. Cover container with airtight lid and put away in a dry place. Drying times vary from 2 to 7 days, Depending upon the number of flowers in a container and the moisture content of the flowers. See Drying Chart for suggested time. For best results, dry flowers of all one type in a container to be certain that all flowers dry at the same time. Check for dryness of the petals. Remember that thin petals will dry faster than heavier flower centers.
5. To remove flowers, slowly pour off silica gel until blossoms are uncovered. Gently brush away any silica gel that may be on the petals, using a soft artist's brush. A few grains of silica gel may be left in the center of heavy flowers to aid in preserving them from room humidity.



FLOWER DRYING TIME CHART

FLOWER	No. of Days Required	FLOWER	No. of Days Required	FLOWER	No. of Days Required
Acacia	2	Dafodil	3 to 4	Iris	3 to 4
Agertum	3 to 4	Dahia	4	Iris Foliage	3
Anermone	2 to 3	Daisy	2	Ivy Leaves	7
Aster	2	Delphinium	2 to 3	Lamb's Ears (Stachys)	2 to 3
Autumn Leaves	2 to 3	Deutzia	2 to 3	Lantana	2
Azalea	3 to 4	Dogwood	3 to 4	Larkspur	2 to 3
Baby's Breath	3	Dusty Miller(Artemisia)	3	Laurel Leaves	7
Bachelors Button	2 to 3	Elaeagnus Foliage	7	Laurel Leaves	7
Beach Foliage	2	English Laurel	7	Lavender	3
Begonia (multifloral)	5 to 6	Ferns (Maidenhair, Adiantum, Ocean Spray)	2	Ligumstrum Berries (Green)	5
Bells of Ireland	3 to 4	Feverfew	2	Lilac	2 to 3
Bridal Wreath	3 to 4	Forget-Me-Not	2	Lily-of-the Valley	3 to 4
Buttercup	2 to 3	Foxglove	3	Lily-of-the Valley Foliage	4 to 5
Butterfly Bush Foliage	2 to 3	Galax Leaves	4 to 5	Lupine	2 to 3
Calendula	4 to 5	Gardenia	4 to 5	Lupine Foliage	3 to 4
Camelia	4 to 5	Gladiolus	3 to 4	Marigold	4 to 5
Candytuft	3	Heather	2 to 3	Mullein	3 to 4
Canterbury Bells	3 to 4	Honeysuckle Foliage	3 to 4	Nandina Berries	4 to 5
Carnation	3	Hyacinth	5 to 6	Nandina Foliage	2 to 3
Chrysanthemum	3 to 4	Hydrangea	3 to 4	Orchid	5
Celosia	2 to 3				
Columbine	3 to 4				
Cornflower	3				
Cosmos	2 to 3				



1.5 lb Box



5lb Box



Bulk Quantities Available 50 lb & 300 lb

