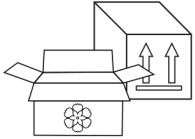


# Simple Flower Prep Steps

## MAKE YOUR FLOWERS PRANCY & HYDRATED

### key points



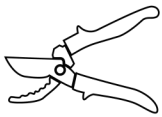
#### STEP 1: UNPACKAGE & ORGANIZE

Make sure you have your buckets and vases cleaned and filled with 4-5 inches of water before the flowers arrive. Next unbox your flowers and organize them in groups (like with like). Take inventory of all of your flowers compared to your floral order.



#### STEP 2: CLEAN STEMS

You'll want to clean one variety of flower/greenery at a time and take off the unwanted leaves/foilage. I usually clean off most of the leaves on the stems. Watch out for thorns on roses!



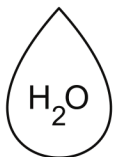
#### STEP 3: SNIP STEMS

Once the stems are clean, give them a trim with floral snips at a 45 degree angle. If you have longer stems (as with roses) you can trim about 1/4" - 1/2" from the bottom. For shorter stems (ranunculus, tulips, etc) trim about an 1/8" off the bottom. \*DO NOT USE SCISSORS!



#### STEP 4: PLACE IN BUCKET

Once trimmed place the stems in a bucket or vase immediately. You don't want the fresh cut to dry out which inhibits the flowers ability to hydrate. Make sure there are no blooms or leaves below the water line as this promotes the growth of bacteria.



#### STEP 5: HYDRATE

Once all of your flowers and greenery are in water, make sure they are in a cool dry spot out of the sun. Ideally you want to give them overnight to hydrate (timeline allowing) but if you need to start sooner, give them at least 2-4 hours to hydrate.



#### STEP 6: PREP WORKSPACE

While your flowers are hydrating and getting some rest, take this time to take inventory of all your supplies and vases you'll need. Make sure you have room for everything and grab any last minute supplies. To protect from the mess you may put a tarp down for easy clean up.