

Caring for your flowers at home

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Here are some of the tips to extend the vase life of cut flowers:

- Buy good flowers, they should not be completely open and the leaves and the buds must be clean and free of damage and disease
- Remove lower foliage so that it is not in vase water. Leaves that lie in the water go off quickly and pollute water and also facilitate the build up of bacteria
- Get flowers into water as soon as possible. Lack of water and heat are the biggest killers at this stage
- Use clean, disinfected vase
- Put clean tap water into the vase along with a cut-flower preservative
- Simply cut the flowers in the air and straight. Remove lower leaves and place them in the vase.
- Place flowers anywhere, except in a direct draft or sunlight
- Regularly change the preservative water and cut a few centimetres of stem

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