



Uncanoonuc Mt. Perennials

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Bring Your Garden Inside

Growing and handling cuts for your own arrangements

Some of our favorites for cutting:

Bulbs:

Bluebells
Daffodils
Dahlias
Hyacinths
True Lilies
Tulips

Annuals:

Snapdragons
Stocks
Sunflowers
Sweet Peas
Zinnias

Biennials:

Foxgloves
Hollyhocks
Sweet Williams

Berries:

Hollies
Junipers
Rose Hips
Viburnums

Perennials:

Asters
Astilbes
Beebalm
Bellflowers - taller var.
Black-Eyed Susans
Blanket Flowers
Bleeding Hearts
Butterfly Weeds
Catmints - taller var.
Coneflowers
Delphiniums
Globe Thistles
Gooseneck Loosestrife
Heleniums
Heliopsis

Indigos
Japanese Anemones
Joe Pye Weeds
'Kent Beauty' Ornamental Oregano
Iris - Bearded, Japanese & Siberian
Lady's Mantles
Lavenders
Peonies
Phlox - taller var.
Russian Sages
Sedums
Shasta Daisies
Toad-Lilies
Turtleheads
Yarrows



Woodies:

Azaleas
Birches
Blue-Mist Shrubs
Butterfly-Bushes
Hollies
Hydrangeas
Lilacs
Roses
Spireas
Willows - incl. Curly Willow

Foliage:

Bergenias
Blue Stars
'Britt Marie Crawford' Ligularia
Bugbanes
Coral Bells
Evergreens - needled & broadleafed
Ferns
Grasses
Hellebores
Hostas

Peonies
Rodgersias
Solomon Seals

(continued on back)

Steps to a Longer Vase Life

- 1) **Cut in the early morning or cool of the evening** (not in the heat of mid-day when plants won't be as turgid & will have fewer stored starches).
- 2) **Use a sharp, clean knife or pair of clippers.** We favor Felco #2's.
- 3) **Choose newly opened or half opened flowers** - not mature flowers. Always exceptions, though... mums best cut fully open.
- 4) **Cut on an angle just above a set of leaves.** This provides stems with more surface area to absorb water.
- 5) **Put directly into a clean bucket partially filled with water.** The image of a pretty woman in a sundress and wide-brimmed hat cutting into a basket on her arm is romantic and just plain wrong.
- 6) **Bring cuts inside and remove all foliage that will be below the water line.**
- 7) **Use a clean bucket. Add preservative and fill with lukewarm water to just below the foliage and/or blossoms.** Preservative provides nutrients and slows down bacterial growth in the vase. They are inexpensive, readily available and highly recommended.
- 8) **Leave overnight to "condition" or crisp,** preferably in a cool, dark spot like a cellar or garage.
- 9) **When creating your arrangements use sparkling clean containers. Re-cut the stems on an angle** before putting in vase or inserting into floral foam. Woody stems can be split up the bottom an inch or so to aid in water uptake.

10) **Aftercare counts**

- Avoid placing arrangements in direct sunlight, in high heat or drafts
- Keep flowers away from ripening fruit - the ethylene gas they give off causes shortened flower life
- Smaller pieces can be put in the home fridge at night
- Remove flowers as they fade
- Check water levels daily and add more preservative water as needed

