



# 10 Top Tips for longer lasting cut flowers...



Flowers are alive, and once cut they still need proper food to remain fresh. They need acid to improve water absorption in flower stems, sugar to help buds open and last longer, and a preservative to reduce growth of bacteria and fungi. Typically since Dahlia flowers have hollow stems they do have a shorter shelf life than most flowers. However there is several options in extending freshness. Keep in mind some of the tips will have varying degrees of results depending on what kind of water you have/use and how much care you give your cut flowers.

- ❖ **Tip One: Keep out of direct sunlight.**
- ❖ **Tip Two: Change the water every day or every other day at the least.**



- ❖ **Tip Three:** If you are cutting flowers from your own garden. Cut in the coolest part of the day. Preferably in the morning before the dew has dried. Get them in water ASAP!
- ❖ **Tip Four :** Remove bottom leaves before putting them in a “clean” vase of water. If you don’t the leaves will rot in the water causing bacteria to build up.
- ❖ **Tip Five:** Trim stems at a 45% angle. You can even trim them every other day to help the stems keep absorbing water easier.
- ❖ **Tip Six:** Remove wilted flowers to keep the bouquet looking fresh.
- ❖ **Tip Seven:** Add 1 part lemon-lime soda to 3 parts water, plus three drops of bleach. Or try....
- ❖ **Tip Eight:** Put 2 tablespoons of lemon juice, 1 tablespoon of sugar, and 1/4 teaspoon of bleach in a quart of warm water. Add another 1/4 teaspoon of bleach to the vase every 4 days.
- ❖ **Tip Nine:** If you can at night put them in a safe cooler place like out side if you have a covered pouch or in the garage. Any place pets and the weather won’t disturb your flowers.
- ❖ **Tip 10:** Those flower extender packets that come with your flowers...  
USE THEM... Be sure it dissolves in water all the way before you put your flowers in the vase.
- ❖ **BONUS TIP:** If you are going to purchase cut flowers (season permitting) be sure to buy or order flowers from your favorite “local” Flower Farm ☺

**All Dahlia’d Up Flowers are available Mid-July thru First Frost  
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Here at All Dahlia'd Up Flower Farm, each flower is cut just as the sun is peaking up over the mountains. Each bouquet is treated with flower extender. You'll also find a packet with each bouquet ordered.

If ordering dahlia flowers for a special event or creating center pieces and bridal bouquets be sure to put them together either the day of or the day before the event. Keep stems in water and place in a cool environment until ready to use.

For more tips, growing options and bouquet arranging ideas be sure to check out our website

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