

## Cut flower care and handling

1. Fill clean container with water and fresh flower food.
2. Strip leaves below water level to discourage bacteria growth.
3. Cut 1” (3cm) off of stem at a 45° with a sharp knife or scissors for better water absorption.
4. Avoid direct sunlight.
5. Keep flowers, lilies in particular, away from vegetable and fruit which produce ethylene. Lilies are sensitive to ethylene which makes them age faster.
6. Refresh water every 2-3 days and add appropriate amount of flower food.
7. To prevent staining fabric or skin, remove lily’s anthers (pollen) as soon as the flower begins to bloom with a tissue and discard.
8. If your clothes become stained with pollen remove with a piece of tape. If the petals of the flower become stained you may also use tape by gently dabbing the affected area.



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