



# How to Keep Your Flowers Beautiful

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A few simple things and your dahlias will last a week or more.

## ✓ Recut the stems

Trim 1 inch off at a 45° angle before they go in the vase. A flat cut seals shut and starves the bloom.

## ✓ Strip the low leaves

Remove any leaves that would sit below the waterline. Leaves in water rot and breed bacteria.

## ✓ Cool spot, indirect light

Keep them out of direct sun and heat. In cooler climates, set them outside overnight, where the night air is often cooler than your house.

## ✓ Fresh water every 2 days

Change the water and give the stems a quick recut each time. Cloudy water means bacteria.

## ✓ No fruit nearby

Ripening fruit gives off ethylene gas, which ages cut flowers fast.



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## ✓ Make your own flower food

4 cups lukewarm water, 2 tablespoons white sugar, 2 tablespoons white vinegar or lemon juice, and 1/2 teaspoon household bleach.

Mix the sugar into the water, add the bleach, then the vinegar or lemon juice. Change the water every 2 days and recut the stems each time.

*The sugar feeds, the vinegar helps the flowers drink, and the bleach kills bacteria, keeping the water clear.*



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