Twelve steps to prepare your wedding flowers.

- Before unpacking your flowers, be sure to have your supplies ready. You'll need pruning shears or a sharp knife, buckets filled with water to place your bouquets and loose stems, and as cups to place smaller pieces.
- 2 Once you've received your flowers, be sure to open all the boxes to check that all items are present and in good condition. The boxes will arrive only slightly open to avoid damage in transit.
- 3 Inside the box, you will find a cube used to separate the flowers for safe travel. Remove this from the box by gently pulling up with your hands from the botom. *Please do not pull from the handles.



- **4** Each item is secured with ribbon. Simply pull the ends to remove the flowers from the box.
- 5 Your flowers may arrive a little thirsty from their journey, so be sure to water them right away. You may also notice that some of the outer petals look bruised from the shipping process. This is very common, especially with roses. You can easily fix this by removing them to reveal the fresh petals underneath.
- Add the included flower food to the water in each bucket or cup used. Be sure that all ribbons remain above water level so they do not get wet or stained. Refrain from using any other substances or products in the water.

- 7 Carefully remove all plastic wrapping or netting around the stems and heads of the flowers. The ribbons will keep the arrangements together for you.
- 8 Cut 1 inch off the bottom of the stems at a diagonal angle. Place the trimmed stems in the buckets and avoid touching the flowers as much as possible.
- Boutonnieres and corsages will arrive in a tube; please remove them very carefully and cut 1 inch off the bottom of the stems at a diagonal angle. Refill the tube with fresh water or place them in cups of water.
- Make sure the temperature changes progressively. At first, place your flowers in a room that is not too cold so the change in temperature doesn't affect them. After 3 hours, you can place them in a cooler room.
- 11 Keep your flowers away from refrigerators or kitchens. Food and appliances can expel fumes that are harmful to flowers. Recommended storage is a cool room (60°F to 70°F) where flowers aren't exposed to direct sunlight, wind, or extreme temperatures.
- 12 Please allow your flowers 2 to 3 days to fully open.



You might receive loose stems to replace any flowers that arrive damaged or broken. If you need assistance, please let your event planner know and they will be happy to help.