

HYACINTHS



Favored for their intense colors and intoxicating fragrance, hyacinths are a staple of the spring garden.

Once your beautiful hyacinths are blooming in your garden, you are probably going to feel the need to cut some for an equally beautiful bouquet in your house. It is important to cut the flower with a sharp knife and on an angle. Only cut the length of stem you need for your vase. Leave as much of the stalk and as many leaves on the stalk as possible to permit the bulb to reenergize itself.

In a bouquet, use a clean vase. Fill it with clean lukewarm water. Lukewarm water encourages good liquid uptake.

Non-fluoridated water also promotes longer vase life of the flowers. In the house hyacinth plants should be kept in a cool place and out of direct sunlight. Avoid drafts.

After they bloom in spring, allow the plants to grow until the leaves die off. They need time after blooming to store energy in the bulbs for next year. To remove the dead plant, either snip them off at the base, or twist the leaves while pulling lightly.