

## 5 Tips For Fresh Cut Flowers From Your Garden

One of the benefits of growing garden flowers is the ability to cut the beautiful blooms and bring them indoors. Decorating your house with gorgeous arrangements of freshly cut garden flowers is easy if you follow these simple steps:

1. The best time to cut flowers is during the early morning or in the evening. Never cut flowers under the hot afternoon sun.
2. Make sure you select flowers with long stems so you can re-cut them later to fit better into your arrangement.
3. Use sharp shears so you can make a clean cut. If you cut above a bud, you will generally get more new growth and a higher number of flowers.
4. Freshly cut flowers will last longer and stay fresher if you immediately put them into water as soon as you cut them. Carry around a bucket filled with lukewarm water to put blooms in after you have cut them.
5. When creating your arrangement, remove most of the leaves so they won't rot in the water. Re-cut the stems with sharp shears underwater at an angle. Most importantly, keep the arrangement out of direct sunlight.

