

Caring for cut flowers

CUT FLOWERS bring a welcome touch of summer to the home in the depths of winter. Here's how you can make those colourful blooms last longer. Cut the stems on a long thin angle and place the flowers in very warm water - this allows the water to flow up the stem very quickly to the flower head. A couple drops of bleach in your vase will keep bacteria under control. Adding Floral Life or Sprite soft drink to the water adds days of life to your flowers. Keep all flowers at a constant cool temperature for longer life. If any flowers wilt, simply wrap them up tightly in damp newspaper and place them, up to their necks, in a vase of warm water. Place the vase in a cool spot, and in an hour or two, the heads should be right back up.