## Flower Care Guide for Luxury Bouquets in Hot and Humid Cities

Congratulations on receiving a luxury flower bouquet! We often send and receive flowers to mark the most special of occasions, such as an anniversary, as congratulations for a new baby, or for momentous days such as Valentine's Day and Mother's Day, so we want those flowers to last as long as possible, no matter what the weather is like! To ensure your flowers stay fresh and vibrant amidst Hong Kong's hot and humid climate, here are some essential tips for flower care brought to you by Petal & Poem:

- 1. Trim the stems: Start by trimming the bottom of the stems at a 45-degree angle using a sharp and clean pair of floral shears. This allows the flowers to better absorb water and nutrients. Ensure that the stems are around 1 to 2 inches long for better water absorption.
- 2. Use clean water: Fill a vase with fresh, room temperature water and add floral food provided with the bouquet. Make sure the vase is thoroughly cleaned to avoid bacterial growth. If you don't have floral food, you can make a homemade solution by adding a few drops of bleach and a pinch of sugar to the water.
- 3. Monitor water levels: Check the water levels daily and ensure they remain sufficient. In a hot and humid climate, flowers tend to drink more water. Refill the vase with clean water as needed to keep your arrangement hydrated.
- 4. Keep away from direct sunlight: Place your luxury bouquet in a location that receives bright, indirect light. Avoid direct sunlight as it can cause the flowers to wilt prematurely in the heat.
- 5. Use a cool spot: Find a cool spot in your home or office where the temperature is not too high. Avoid placing the flowers near air conditioning vents, fans, or drafty areas, as these can dehydrate the blooms.
- 6. Mist the flowers: In hot and dry environments, misting the flowers can increase humidity and prevent them from drying out. However, be cautious when misting delicate blooms such as orchids, as excessive moisture can cause damage. Use a fine mist spray bottle and mist the bouquet lightly once or twice a day.
- 7. Remove wilted flowers: Remove any wilted or withered flowers from the arrangement regularly. This helps prevent the spread of bacteria and preserves the vitality of the remaining blooms.

## Specific Care Tips for Different Types of Flowers:

- Roses: In addition to the above general tips, roses benefit from having their stems submerged in warm water for about 20 minutes before arranging them. Their thick stems benefit from being re-cut under running warm water to provide better water uptake.

- Orchids: Orchids love humidity, making Hong Kong's climate suitable for them. Orchids' roots should ideally remain moist but not waterlogged. Position them in a well-ventilated area to prevent excessive humidity on the leaves, which may cause fungal diseases.
- Lilies: Remove the pollen-bearing stamens as soon as the flowers start to open. This eliminates the risk of pollen staining the petals and causing premature decay. Lily stems appreciate a slightly deeper cut to enhance water absorption.
- Sunflowers: Arrange sunflowers in a vase with ample headroom as they tend to grow rapidly. These flowers require plenty of water; thus, make sure to monitor the water levels regularly.

Remember, each type of luxury flower may have additional specific care requirements. Be sure to refer to any accompanying care instructions or consult a local florist for tailored advice.

By following these care tips, your luxury blooms will continue to impress with its beauty and freshness, even in Hong Kong's hot and humid conditions. Enjoy your stunning flower bouquet from Hong Kong's best florist, www.petalandpoem.com, voted by readers as HK's number one luxury flower delivery in the city,

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