

Tips For Cutting Roses

Initial Cutting:

- Use sharp and clean secateurs. Dull edges crush the stem and dirty blades transmit disease.
- Cut late afternoon when their nutrient levels are the highest.
- Choose buds which have only just started to open.
- Leave only the top three leaves to help feed the bloom.

To Prevent an Air Pocket:

- Fill a bowl with hot but not scalding hot water.
- Add a floral preservative plus a few drops of bleach.
- Place all of the rose stems into the bowl.
- Do not let the buds touch the hot water.
- Diagonally cut off, under water, the end of each stem.
- Leave stems in the bowl until the water cools to room temperature.
- Fill vase with warm water, add a drop of bleach and preservative.
- Immediately add your roses.

If a Bloom Shows Signs of Wilting:

- Repeat the procedure and return to the vase.