

MOTHER'S DAY GIFT IDEAS

Remember Mom At Mother's Day

(NAPSA)—On Mother's Day, or any day, a great way to show Mom how much you appreciate her is by giving her the splendor of fresh flowers and plants.

It's one of the most traditional ways to celebrate Mom.

According to a recent survey, some of Mom's favorite plants are gardenias, hydrangeas and mini roses. Flowers include lilies, gerbera daisies and roses. Here's some advice from 1-800-FLOWERS.COM on how to care for her beautiful blossoms:

- Arrange the flowers in a deep-vase filled with luke-warm water, then mix in the floral preservative provided by the florist.
- Remove all leaves from the stem that would fall below the waterline in the vase as they will promote bacterial growth.
- Use a knife or shears to cut an inch from the bottom of the stem while holding it under water. This allows the stem to draw in the water, instead of air.
- Keep cut flowers and arrangements looking fresh by adding warm water to the vase every day.



Always keep the vase full and change the water every three to four days.

- For maximum flower longevity, recut the stems whenever you change the water. Keep the vase in a cool spot, away from direct sunlight and heating or cooling vents.

Following these simple guidelines will help Mom get the most out of her flowers. You can click on 1800flowers.com on the Web for beautiful Mother's Day arrangements, such as the Mother's Day Embrace Bouquet.