



Valentine's Delights



Send An Extra Special Message With Flowers

(NAPSA)—Those who suggest you should “say it with flowers” aren’t just “pushing posies.” Even today, when someone sends flowers as a gift, there is often a message conveyed by the flower’s color or type.

For example, red roses, those classic Valentine’s Day icons, represent beauty and romantic love. Yellow roses are a symbol of happiness and friendship. Red carnations stand for love and admiration, while the orchid is a symbol of mystery and exotic beauty. A striped carnation says “miss you.”

Other flower messages include:

- Red tulips—a declaration of love and beauty
- Pink roses—a symbol of appreciation and of grace, and
- Pink carnations—a symbol that the person receiving the flowers will never be forgotten.

Flowers, such as carnations, tulips and lilies have also gained popularity in recent years. However, more than 100 million roses in more than 200 different shades and varieties are sold each year around Valentine’s Day.

The floral experts at 1-800-FLOWERS.COM offer the following tips to help extend the life of your roses this Valentine’s Day:

- If your roses are delivered in a box, open it immediately and place them in water. If this can’t



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be done, place the entire box in a cool, dark place.

- Remove any leaves that may fall below the water line when the roses are placed in the vase,
- Use a sharp knife or shears to cut an inch from the bottom of each stem while holding the stem under water,
- Add warm water to the vase every day, always keeping it full, and
- Change the water and re-cut the flower stems every three or four days.

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