

Summer is almost here and already the flower industry has been busy welcoming the start of a fresh new season and all our summer favourites back again. Not only that but wedding season is upon us and Christmas only around the corner. If you have any queries or special requests for flowers do contact us.

Summer Favourites

Paeony season has been in full swing for a few weeks now and we'll see some really special prices at the peak of the season. Summer also means increased volumes and availability for many flowers such as lilies, sunflowers, and roses. So be sure to keep checking our website for deals and new seasons flowers.



PAEONIES

Paeony season has arrived and there is a buzz among paeony lovers – Who will be the first to have them? This extraordinary flower has loads of WOW factor with it's dramatic transformation from a tiny golf ball bud to a full fluffy bloom as illustrated in the picture. In a range of pastel pinks and apricots also cream and white and burgundy. A short season only adds to it's must have appeal. Paeonies can be hot water treated as for roses. Cut stems, place in hot tap water for 5 mins then into plenty of cool fresh water.

Vase life: 7 days average, 10 days max. (if well cared for and kept cool)



WHITE ORIENTAL LILLIES

There are a number of different varieties of White Oriental lily. The "Casablanca" and "Siberia" are the most common commercial varieties available in New Zealand. All have a strong musky fragrance. We recommend removing the anthers (which are the pollen containing part attached to the stamens), as they can leave stains on clothes, carpet and furnishings, or stain the petals of the other blooms if not removed. Always use a dry brush to clean up pollen (as adding water creates a dye) before treating with recommended stain removers. Vase life: 10 – 14 days.



SUNFLOWERS

Luckily we can now enjoy sunflowers almost 365 days per year as growers supply them year round to the market. This ever popular and cheerful flower is a favourite for many people and lasts well in most conditions. Sunflowers are usually sold slightly closed with petals turning in, but will open out quite quickly. They have hard stems and should be re-cut and given lots of water regularly as they drink a lot! Sunflowers, like roses, can also be hot water treated if there is any sign of wilting. Vase life 10 – 14 days.

Don't forget, for more info you can always give us a call or have a look on the website.