

## ROSE CARE INSTRUCTIONS



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### The 5 Keys to long lasting roses.

- Start with a clean vase and clean water
- Keep it clean by changing it every 3 days
- Recut 1 inch from stems each time the roses are placed in the water
- Add one packet of the flower food each time the water is changed.
- Keep the roses in a cool place

### Detailed Care steps: **Clean-Clip-Change**

- As soon as possible **remove the roses** from the box.
- Ideally the **vase should be cleaned** with a anti-bacterial soap or bleach and rinse
- Mix **one packet of the flower food** (provided with the roses) into the clean 1 quart (about 8" tall) vase
  - o Use the **cleanest possible water** (distilled or rain water is the best)
  - o Soft water may not be good if the water softener is old
- Remove the water baggy and sponge or water tubes.
- **Remove any leaves** that will be under the water
- **Cut 1" off** of the stems and place them in the vase
- Roses are delicate flowers and are shipped with the guard petals still on to protect the inner petals. Please remove any damaged or discolored petals as you desire.
- Place the vase **away from the sun or heat.**
  
- After 3 days **cut about one half inch off** of the stems and make sure the water is clear.
- **When** the water becomes cloudy dump it out rinse the vase with anti-bacterial soapy water and refill with clean water and the other packet of flower food.
- After another 3 days **recut** the stems again.

### **Additional Notes**

No matter what, after some period of time, the water will become cloudy. Since the roses have tiny tubes to take up the water, they will plug. This is why the vase and water should be sterile to start with. The flower food packets provide both sugar that the roses can use and an anti-bacterial agent. But it only keeps the water clean temporarily. Thus the water should be monitored (replaced as necessary) and the stems recut.

Never add fertilizer to the water.

Adding any other greens or vase filler can also add contaminants which will plug the stems.

These roses are truly fresh roses that have been grown under controlled conditions. They will take up a lot of water and can empty the whole vase in 4 days.