

# Flower Deliveries – Tips & Tricks

Flowers can be challenging to transport safely. They often take up more space than expected and require additional support to ensure they don't get damaged. Here are a few tips and tricks to help you plan for pickup and packing your vehicle.

## How much space do I need?

If you have ordered table arrangements and / or bridal table feature, we recommend you have access to an EMPTY station wagon or SUV. If you have only ordered personal flowers (bouquets, corsages, buttonholes, hair flowers and / or cake flowers), the boot of your car or a clear back seat will usually provide enough space.

Here are some specifics for each item:

- Bouquets - each are packaged in boxes measuring a little under 30cm square. Remember to multiply this by the number of bouquets ordered. For example, if you have three bridesmaids, you will need enough space for 4 boxes: a minimum of either 1.2 m x 30cm or 60cm x 60cm of clear, flat space in your vehicle.
- Buttonholes / corsages / flower crowns – trays measure 30cm x 30cm (size will vary depending on total number of items ordered). These sit best on an empty seat.
- Cake flowers – packed in a small box measuring 15cm square
- Table Flowers – average 30cm in diameter each. 6 - 8 table arrangements will require 1.5m - 2m square of open, flat space
- Bridal Table arrangement – allow 1 meter in length x 30cm in width

## What else should I bring with me?

if you've ordered table arrangements and / or a bridal table feature, we suggest bringing a few old towels or sheets. These can be used to pack the base of each arrangement, ensuring they don't topple over during transport.

Remember too, table arrangements and bridal table containers are filled with water so towels / sheets can be used to wick up any water you might spill during packing. If you have access to low-sided bread crates or trays, these also provide a good solution for packing items in your vehicle.

## How many people does it take to pack / transport flowers?

We definitely suggest having two people help with transporting flowers – depending on how many items have been ordered. Packing and unpacking flowers can take 30 - 60 minutes. You've spent a lot of money on your wedding flowers. It's not a process that should be rushed.

## When should we collect the flowers?

We recommend collecting the items between noon - 1pm, depending on the schedule for the day.

## Are there special storage instructions?

Your flowers must not be put in a fridge or the freezer. Keep them in a cool, dark place – do not keep them in direct sunlight as they will wilt immediately. Ensure flowers are kept well away from any heaters.

If you are setting up the reception room, be sure to request the air conditioning is turned on (even in winter).

In the car, be sure to put the air conditioner on full blast. Do not turn the heater on. In fact, you may want to put on an additional layer of clothing in the car because it should be kept as cool as possible..

If you have ordered table arrangements or a bridal table feature, be sure to top up the vessels with water as some will spill out during transport. We recommend having access to a small watering can to make this easier.

## A few other notes:

While you're driving, be sure to remember you have precious cargo in the back – do your best to avoid potholes, sudden stops and sharp turns.

We are not responsible for any damage done during packing or transport should you opt for coordinating your own flower delivery and set-up.