



~Flower Preservation~

Instructions for Postage/Drop-Off

Caring for your flowers prior to postage/drop-off

When your flowers are not in use keep them in a vase of fresh water. Your bouquet/flowers should be posted as soon as possible to ensure they are in the best condition for pressing. Ideally postage should take place within 72 hours. If your flowers are not going to be posted for a few days, ensure you keep them in fresh water which is renewed daily. Trimming a small amount off the stems of your flowers at a 45 degree angle every couple of days will help to increase water absorption. Store them in a cool, shaded room and out of direct sunlight. If your wedding/service is taking place on a Thursday/Friday, your bouquet/flowers should not be posted until the Monday to ensure they are not sitting in a box over the weekend. Do NOT put your flowers in a fridge. Avoid spraying your flowers with water as the excess moisture can lead to browning during pressing. For flowers that are already dried, there is no need to add a source of hydration~ just package your flowers with enough support to prevent damage during transit.

Packaging your flowers for postage

What you'll need:

- A cardboard box that's big enough to fit your bouquet (ask your florist as they will usually have boxes specially made for posting flowers).
- Kitchen paper towel
- Newspaper
- Tin foil or a zip lock bag
- An elastic band

Instructions:

- Firstly, trim a couple of inches off of the stems of your bouquet (this allows your flowers to take in more water).
- Wet some kitchen paper towel and wrap it around the bottom of the stems.
- Next you can either wrap some tin foil around the paper towel or place the stems (which are covered in wet paper towel) in a small plastic bag and secure with the elastic band (this prevents any water leaking into the cardboard box).
- If your flowers are in oasis there is no need for wet paper towel~ simply ensure the oasis is wet and cover it in a plastic bag. Ensure you only cover the oasis/stems of the flowers with the plastic bag.
- Now you can place the bouquet into the cardboard box. Keep the flowers upright in the centre of the box and use crumpled up newspaper to create a support around the sides of your bouquet so that it doesn't move around in the box (**don't use bubble wrap or plastic**, as this can cause sweating of the flowers and lead to them rotting). Make sure you have created enough support with the newspaper so that the bouquet won't move around the box during transit.
- Loosely cover the top of your flowers with more newspaper ensuring it doesn't crush the flowers.
- Please don't include any excess waste such as buckets or towels.
- Please ensure to **include a note along with your name** and email address/phone number.
- Seal your cardboard box well and write on it- FRAGILE FRESH FLOWERS INSIDE
- I only recommend An Post to deliver your flowers (ensure you ask for registered postage so that you can track your flowers and they will arrive quicker). I do not recommend Express Post as, ironically, it takes much longer for the flowers to be delivered.
- Your bouquet/flowers should be sent to the following address by An Post registered post promptly:

Mariah Brennan,
Castletown,

Carrick-on-Suir,

Tipperary,

E32WF61.

Phone number: 0870022378

If for any reason you do decide to send your flowers via **courier**, the postal address will differ slightly:

Mariah Brennan

Castletown,

Carrick-on-Suir,

Kilkenny,

E32WF61.

I will send you an email as soon as I receive your flowers.

Dropping off your flowers to our studio:

If you plan to drop off your flowers please let me know so we can arrange a date/time where someone will be here to receive them. The address for drop off is the same as above~ however the geographical county is Kilkenny. For postal reasons the county is Tipperary as the flowers will be sent to our closest post office in Carrick-on-Suir and reach us quicker rather than going through Kilkenny postal services. The drop off location is at our home studio in South Kilkenny. It is located on the same road as a restaurant called 'The Dizzy Goat'. There is a graveyard on the same stretch of road called 'Kilkieran Cemetery'~ across from the cemetery you will see a small laneway with a grey bungalow to the left. Drive up that lane and past the bungalow~ you will see a house with a bright purple/pink stable door which is the correct house for drop off. If you have any trouble finding it feel free to ring me on 0870022378.

Looking forward to receiving your special flowers,

Mariah