**How to Care for Fresh Farm Flowers from Morningside Meadows**

(and other important information)

***We are so happy that you have chosen Morningside Meadows to provide fresh cut flowers to you and your loved ones! We’d like to share what to expect when ordering flowers from us. The life of our floral products depends on many variables—the source, flower varieties used, the season, the care your give them and the particular environment of your home or business. Expect a wide range of 4 days up to 2 weeks from up to 60 varieties that we grow. Understanding what your flowers need so you can give them attentive care will maximize vase life.***

Morningside Meadows provides two types of flowers—WINTER FLOWERS and FARM FRESH FLOWERS.

For general purposes we will address the expectations and care of our very own locally grown flowers. Winter flowers are ‘normal’ flowers that you may have experienced from a typical florist. Farm-fresh flowers are much, much different…

IN-SEASON LOCALLY GROWN FLOWERS are organic, fragrant and most importantly—FRESH! Morningside Meadows growing season runs between April and October. Occasionally we source stems from other local flower farms that share our values.

EXPECT FRESHNESS! It takes time to select, cut, prep and hydrate flowers for our patrons. We recommend 24-48 hrs notice for all orders. If you need flowers in a shorter time-frame, we will accommodate if possible. No guarantees though, unless you check with us first. (Call/Text Wendy 937-603-1608)

BOUQUETS come to you banded, wrapped in our brown paper and sealed with a Morningside sticker and hand-tied with cotton string. They are an attractive handheld option to be gifted or enjoyed yourself!

VASE ARRANGEMENTS come to you in a glass vase, hydrated with flower food and ready to be enjoyed!

If you receive a bouquet via [no contact] PORCH DROPOFF, you will want to retrieve the flowers as soon as possible so they will not remain in the heat and weather too long. You must agree to leave out a clean bucket of fresh water near your front door in the morning. Delivery times fall within business hours and cannot be guaranteed. We will move buckets out of sunlight and/or weather when needed and will text you when they arrive. Morningside Meadows cannot be held responsible for neglect after delivery.

If you order FLOWERS TO BE GIFTED, our White Glove Delivery Service will ring the doorbell and hand off the flowers. In order to minimize delivering to someone who is not home, please do your homework and confirm their availability. We recommend that you give leave a contact phone number so we can contact them in the event that they do not answer the door.

If you receive your flowers via FARM PICKUP ON THURSDAY 3-6pm plan you will want to get them home as soon as possible. For hand-held BOUQUETS plan to bring a tall cup of water that fits into your cup holder. It is always best to keep the stems hydrated, especially if you are driving a distance. For FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS, plan for a way to support your vase so it doesn’t fall over on your way home.

NEVER LEAVE FLOWERS IN SUNLIGHT OR HEAT. We do everything we can to make sure your flowers arrive to your hands in perfect condition- fresh & crisp. We cannot guarantee any blooms if they are not well-cared for and maintained in a favorable atmosphere. Wind and moving air can dry out flowers quickly.

UNWRAP YOUR BOUQUET immediately and recut stems so they will take up water efficiently.

PLACE IN A SANITIZED VASE with FRESH, CLEAN WATER. Hydration is key. If flowers are stressed, place them loosely into a bucket of cold water and leave in a cool, dark place for a couple hours so they will perk up.

Fresh, locally grown flowers dring A LOT of water! This is the #1 complaint as to why flowers don’t last. KEEP FLOWERS WELL-HYDRATED AT ALL TIMES.

SECRET TIP: Short term refrigeration (1-3 hours intermittently) will do wonders and add to the overall vase life. Never let plant material touch the sides of the fridge. Spring blooms love it cold. Summer blooms can turn brown if refrigerated too long. Placing a sheet of tissue paper loosely on top will protect flowers from blowing air.

Use the FLOWER FOOD PACKET that is included— it works!

CHANGE WATER EVERY OTHER DAY for best vase life.

REMOVE SPENT BLOOMS as the expire.

RECUT STEMS before placing back into clean vase for best results.

MOST OF ALL—touch and smell your freshly cut farm-grown flowers! Morningside Meadows put their heart and soul into growing them and we wish for you to experience all the beauty for the life of the flowers!

WARNINGS: We use an array of wonderful flowers in our floral products. A few varieties are known to be sensitive and/or poisonous – but we choose to use them anyway because we our florals wouldn’t be the same without them! (i.e. daffodils, foxglove, euphorbia, hydrangea, etc.) A few varieties, like fragrant herbs and snapdragons may be considered edible, but WE NEVER RECOMMEND TASTING OR EATING FLOWERS!!! All flowers both edible and sensitive are prepped in the same areas and residue can be found on all plant material. Flowers are especially poisonous to animals and pets. KEEP ALL FLOWERS OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN AND PETS AT ALL TIMES!!