

## Valentine Flowers



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If you receive flowers (always a great gift!) or just happen to see some great roses to buy at King Soopers here are some tips to prolong your enjoyment of them.

- 1) If you have a flower arrangement be sure to check almost daily for water and add water as needed. Plants need a lot of water and just like people they do better with filtered or bottled water with fewer chemicals.
- 1) If you purchase loose flowers be sure to recut once you get them home. Remove all the leaves that will be below the water level. If you do not do this the water will not stay clean and your flowers will suffer.
- 2) As a general rule, do not change out the water just add to it but if you have to completely change the water be sure to recut your flowers and put them immediately back in water. If they are changed to another container without being recut an air bubble forms in the stem which will effect flower duration.
- 3) As roses start to look a little worn, take off the outermost petals and magic—more days of enjoyment.

