

# U-PICK FLOWERS GUIDE



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### **DIRECTIONS TO THE FARM**

321 Forshey Road Marietta, Ohio 45750 (The U-Pick is in our lower field, not up by our home and greenhouse)

We recommend following these directions because GPS is inaccurate: Turn onto Browns Road off of Route 7 (DO NOT turn on Forshey Rd). Go 0.1 (500 ft) until you see the first driveway and a private drive sign - TURN RIGHT. The driveway is gravel. Come up the driveway to the red and white buildings and look for parking signs.

### WHAT TO BRING

- Please bring your own scissors or garden pruners
- Be sure to bring your own clean vase, jar or bucket to transport your flowers home in.
- Farm appropriate footwear.
- Sunglasses, water bottles, hats and sunscreen
- Gloves

## **HOW TO PROPERLY CUT FLOWERS**

- **1** Look for your favorite flower in the bunch. Hold the flower just below the blossom. Lightly grip so you do not crush the stem or accidentally break the flower.
- **2** With clean sharp scissors cut one individual stem at a time. Be sure to cut long stems. Long stems allow you to fit more in your vessel and also is better for the plant. We use from your wrist to your elbow as a general guide to stem length.
- **2** Gently remove the bottom 2/3 of the leaves. and place the stem in water right away.

### **ONCE YOU GET HOME**

- We do not recommend leaving your flowers in a hot car and try to keep them out of direct sunlight.
- I am sure we have all smelled the terribly smelly old flower water. Just rinsing it out before the next use is not good enough. The most important thing to keep your flowers fresh is starting with a clean vase or jar at home. Using hot soapy water or even a touch of bleach to clean it after each use is super important. Bacteria in the water clogs the stems ability to take up water and will drastically reduce vase life.
- Give the stems a fresh cut at a 45 degree angle before putting them in the clean vase(s) at home. This maximizes the surface area for water uptake.
- Be sure there are no leaves below the water line in the vase. This will cause the water to build bacteria quickly.
- We recommend every 2-3 days changing the water and giving the stems a fresh cut on the bottom.
- Keeping the flowers away from direct sunlight will also extend their vase life.
- Take lots of photos of your arrangements and be sure to tag us! #wildrootflowerco #wildrootblooms

