



Sunflowers 101



Stage 1- Ideally cut at this stage to decrease petal damage. This is the first stage of the Sunflower cut, which we call "Tight"

- When received at this cut stage-the most important action is to make sure the sunflower has at least 10" of water in the bottom of the bucket-the more the sunflower drinks-the faster it will open.
- The second action is to evaluate the temperature...the sunflower opens quicker when it is in 55 degrees or warmer. The warmer it is-the faster it will open.
- It will take approximately 3 days from stage 1 to stage 2



Stage 2- Sometimes the sun opens them up a bit before we can cut. This is the second stage of the Sunflower cut which we refer to as "Petals pointing Straight Out"

- When received at this cut stage-the most important action is to again, make sure the sunflower has at least 10" of water to drink
- The second action is to again evaluate the temperature, if you prefer the suns to open more and at a rapid rate-keep in 55 degrees or warmer.
- It will take approximately 2-3 days from stage 2 to stage 3.



Stage 3- Ideally, they reach this stage after 2nd day at store level. This is the third stage of the Sunflower cut, which we refer to as "Open".

- When received at this cut stage, the most important thing again is the water level.
- The second action is to again evaluate the temperature, if you prefer the sunflowers to last longer and slow down the aging process, keep the sunflowers at a cooler temperature less than 55 degrees. They may be exposed to 38 degrees and still be fine.
- Sunflowers at this cut stage (at the cooler temperature) should last approximately 7-10 days.