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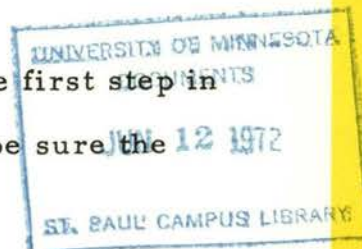
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Make Cut Roses Last Longer

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A few simple steps can make roses last longer in a vase after picking.

University of Minnesota specialists say the first step in keeping cut flowers for any length of time is to be sure the container has been washed.



Then cut the stem of the rose at a slant so the cells can take up water. Use lukewarm water--about 100° F.--and dissolve in the water a flower preservative you can get from your florist. The preservative will keep the color bright and prevent growth of the bacteria that makes roses deteriorate. Storing roses in the refrigerator over night also makes them last longer.

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Fruit Tree Injury Reported

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Reports that the more "winter-tender" European plums and apricots have failed to blossom are common this year. Injury to the over-wintering fruit buds usually takes place during periods of severe cold when temperatures are below minus 20 degrees.

Nothing can be done to prevent this injury. If new plantings are planned for next year, select a favorable site and winter hardy varieties.

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Care For Strawberry Plants

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University of Minnesota garden specialists recommend removal of all flowers on newly-planted everbearing strawberry plants up to about July 1. Flowers that develop after that date generally produce a fine fall crop.

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