



Chrysanthemums



split. It is also important to avoid stems with the hardy woody stem end left on, as this hinders water uptake, and it's a good bet these stems are dehydrated. If you find one or two stems with this dark stem end intact, cut it off.

Chrysanthemum buds should open in the vase if a preservative is used, and it is best to buy chryssies where at least half of the flowers are partially open. This is especially important in standards, disbuds or pompoms, which have only one flower per stem. Half open disbuds will sometimes not open, so choose those that are fully out.

Back at the shop, always trim any leaves that would be underwater, and recut 2 to 3cm off each stem. Place stems in clean, cold water with a preservative, as this will help chryssies recover if they have been stored. If you don't have a commercial preservative, make your own, it's easy. To a litre of water, add a teaspoon of bleach or 2 pinches of swimming pool chlorine, a teaspoon of vinegar (optional) and 4 teaspoons of sugar.

Keep chryssies in preservative for 24 hours, then transfer to clean water with a little chlorine. Remove any yellow leaves as they develop, and change the water every day. At this time of year it is ok to place chryssies outside the shop, providing days are not too warm (over 20°C), and flowers are not in direct sunlight. Chrysanthemums are not sensitive to ethylene gas, and their most common problem is they are prone to stem blockage, so recut the stems every time you change the water.

One last tip, NEVER, EVER smash, crush or split chrysanthemum stems, or other woody stemmed flowers such as proteas or roses. This damages flower stems and hinders water uptake, meaning flowers will more quickly.

Once again, Mothers Day is just around the corner and where would we be without mentioning the humble Chrysanthemum.

Did you know that the name Chrysanthemum comes from two Greek words, 'chrysos' meaning 'gold' and 'anthos' meaning 'flower'? The genus Chrysanthemum is a large one, having both ornamental and also economic value. These flowers vary greatly in form, size, color and can be grown easily in many climates.

The origin of the chrysanthemum is actually Asiatic, and the native habitat of the plants is northern China, Mongolia, Korea and later, Japan.

You need to be careful buying Chrysanthemums prior to Mothers Day as many have been stored. This should not be a problem if they have been stored properly as 'chryssies' store better than most flowers, and can last for at least 10 days after storage. Nevertheless, it pays to shop around and try and make sure your chryssies are as fresh as possible.

The first sign of aging in Chrysanthemums is usually when the lower leaves start turning yellow. If the lower leaves have been stripped, then the next thing to check is the cut stem end, which should be fresh and green, not dry and



DID YOU KNOW ?

- The chrysanthemum is depicted on Japan's imperial weapon and flag. Japan also has a national festival devoted to the flower (9th Sept).
- In Germany, people put white chrysanthemums in their homes at Christmas, to welcome baby Jesus.
- Feng Shui adherents believe the chrysanthemum brings laughter and happiness to your home.
- The chrysanthemum flower has been known since before 5000BC in a small yellow form.

MOTHER'S DAY POINT OF SALE

Available NOW for collection, 4.30am-8am at the NFC Customer Service Desk. This year's kit will comprise of one life-size standee (so make sure you leave some room in your vehicle) and a polo t-shirt. Additional t-shirts available for \$10ea.

Limited number of kits, so first in, first served. One kit per shop.



THIS WEEK'S PRICES

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
ACONITUM (MONK'S HOOD)	5	\$9.00 TO \$10.00
AGAPANTHUS	7	\$3.50
AGERATUM	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ALSTROEMERIA	SML - 7, LGE - 10	\$3.50 TO \$6.00
AMARANTHUS	10	\$6.00 TO \$8.50
ANDROMEDA FOLIAGE		\$4.50
ANEMONE	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
ANTHURIUM	PER STEM	\$4.50
ARABS EYES	5	\$3.50 TO \$4.50
ASTERS		\$2.00 TO \$2.50
ASTERS (GLASSHOUSE)	4-7	\$4.50
BANKSIA - BAXTERI	PER STEM	\$1.20 TO \$2.50
BANKSIA - COCCINEA	5	\$5.00
BANKSIA - HOOKERIANA	PER STEM	\$1.60
BANKSIA - MENZIESII	PER STEM	\$1.40 TO \$1.80
BANKSIA - PLAGEOCARPA	PER STEM	\$2.50
BANKSIA - SPECIOSA	PER STEM	\$1.20 TO \$2.00
BELLADONNA LILY	5	\$6.00 TO \$7.00
BOUVARDIA		\$4.00 TO \$7.00
BRUNIA	5	\$4.00 TO \$15.00
CALENDULA	10	\$4.00
CALLA LILY	5	\$7.50 TO \$15.00
CARNATION - MICRO	10	\$2.00 TO \$3.50
CARNATION - FIELD		\$1.50 TO \$3.00
CARNATION - SPRAY		\$2.50 TO \$5.50
CARNATION - CHINESINI	10-15	\$2.50 TO \$3.50
CARNATION - FIELD		\$1.50 TO \$2.50
CARNATION - SIM		\$3.00 TO \$4.00
CELOSIA - COCKSCOMB	5	\$4.00 TO \$7.00
CELOSIA - PLUME	5	\$5.00
CHRYSANTHEMUM - FIELD		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
CHRYSANTHEMUM - GLASSHOUSE	5-7	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
COSMOS		\$2.00
DAHLIA	5	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
DAHLIA - POM POM		\$2.00
DAISY		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
DELPHINIUM - GIANT	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
DELPHINIUM - BUTTERFLY	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.50
EASTER DAISY		\$2.50 TO \$3.50
EREMURUS	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
ERICA	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
ERYNGIUM (SEA HOLLY)		\$6.50 TO \$7.50
FLANNEL FLOWER	5	\$5.00
FREESIA	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
GERBERA	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
GERBERA - MINI	10	\$3.50 TO \$5.50
GLADIOLI	10	\$6.00 TO \$11.00
GLORIOSA LILY	3	\$5.00 TO \$15.00
GOLDEN ROD	10	\$2.50 TO \$4.00
GREVILLEA	5	\$3.50
GYPSOPHILA - STANDARD		\$3.00 TO \$5.00
GYPSY		\$3.00
HELICONIA	5	\$6.00
HELICONIA CLAW	PER STEM	\$4.00 TO \$7.50
HELICONIA SEXY	PER STEM	\$7.50 TO \$10.00
HYACINTH		\$5.00 TO \$7.00
HYDRANGEA	5	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
IRIS	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.50
KANGAROO PAW - BLACK		\$8.00
KANGAROO PAW - STANDARD	10	\$5.50
LAVENDER		\$3.50
LEUCADENDRON	5	\$2.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - DISCOLOUR	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCADENDRON - GALAPINI	5	\$4.50
LEUCADENDRON - SILVAN RED	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCODENDRON - SILVER TREE		\$3.00
LEUCOSPERMUM - REFLEXUM	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
LEUCOSPERMUM - TANGO	5	\$6.00
LIATRIS	10	\$3.50 TO \$7.00
LILY - ASIATIC	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.50
LILY - LONGIFLORUM	5	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
LILY - ORIENTAL	4-5	\$5.00 TO \$10.00
LILY - LA	5	\$3.00 TO \$6.00
LIMONIUM - EMILE	10	\$3.50 TO \$4.50
LIMONIUM - MISTY	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LIMONIUM - STATICE	10	\$2.00 TO \$2.50
LISIANTHUS	7-10	\$3.50 TO \$7.50
LOPHOSTEMON	5	\$4.50
LOTUS PODS		\$3.00
NERINES	5	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ORCHID - CYMBIDIUM	PER STEM	\$13.00 TO \$17.00

NAME	STEMS PER BUNCH	PRICE RANGE
ORCHID - SINGAPORE	5	\$4.00 TO \$8.00
ORCHID - SLIPPER	PER BLOOM	\$6.50
ORCHID - TIGER	5	\$11.50
PROTEA - KING	PER STEM	\$2.00 TO \$3.00
PROTEA - PENCIL	5	\$3.50
PROTEA - PINK ICE		\$2.50 TO \$6.50
ROSE - 30CM	10	\$3.00 TO \$4.00
ROSE - 40CM	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
ROSE - 50CM	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
ROSE - 60CM	10	\$6.00 TO \$7.00
ROSE - 70CM+	10	\$7.00 TO \$8.00
ROSE - MINI	10	\$4.50 TO \$6.50
SAFFLOWER (CARTHAMUS)	10	\$6.00
SEDUM	10	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SNAPDRAGON	10	\$2.50 TO \$3.50
SOLIDASTER	10	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
STEPHANOTIS	BOX OF 20 HEADS	\$25.00
STRAWBERRY FIELDS (GOMPHRENA)		\$2.50 TO \$4.00
STRELITZIA - BIRD OF PARADISE	5	\$7.00 TO \$10.00
SUNFLOWERS	5	\$2.50 TO \$4.00
SWEET WILLIAM		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
TUBEROSE	5	\$3.50 TO \$6.00
TULIPS	10	\$6.00 TO \$9.00
WATER LILIES	5-7	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
FOLIAGE		
ACACIA APHYLLA		\$5.50 TO \$6.50
BANANA LEAF	20	\$20.00
BIXIA	5	\$7.50
BLACKBERRY FOLIAGE	10	\$4.50
BOTTLEBRUSH (SPARSA)	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.50
BULLRUSHES	4	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
BUXUS	7	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
CAMELLIA		\$4.50 TO \$5.00
CHESTNUT FOLIAGE	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
CLETHRA		\$5.50
COLOURED STICKS	6	\$25.00
CORDYLINE	10	\$4.50 TO \$5.00
CROTON	10	\$3.00 TO \$3.50
CYPRUS	10	\$2.50
EMU BUSH		\$3.00 TO \$5.00
FAN PALM	10	\$5.00
FILICA		\$4.00
FLAX		\$3.50 TO \$7.50
GARRYA	3	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
GERBERA FOLIAGE		\$3.00
GINGER FOLIAGE		\$5.00
GUM		\$2.50
HAPPY PLANT	10	\$6.00
HOLLY (GOLDEN)	5-6	\$5.00 TO \$6.00
HOSTA LEAVES		\$4.00
HYDRANGEA FOLIAGE	5-6	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
HYPERICUM BERRIES	10	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
IVY		\$3.00 TO \$4.50
JOEY FERN	10	\$4.00 TO \$5.00
KOALA FERN	10	\$4.50
LAUREL		\$4.50
LEATHER FERN		\$4.00 TO \$5.00
LIQUIDAMBER		\$2.50 TO \$6.00
MAGNOLIA FOLIAGE	5	\$6.00 TO \$9.00
MAPLE		\$5.00
MELALEUCA	10	\$5.00
MING FERN		\$4.50
MOLUCCA BALM (IRISH BELLS)	5	\$4.50 TO \$5.50
MONSTERIA LEAVES		\$6.50 TO \$9.00
NANDINA		\$3.50
OAK		\$5.00
OKRA PODS	3	\$9.00
PAPYRUS	5	\$5.00 TO \$8.00
PEPPERCORN		\$4.50 TO \$5.50
PHILODENDRON - XANADU	5-6	\$4.00 TO \$6.00
PIMELLA		\$3.50 TO \$4.00
RED WILLOW	5	\$5.00
SILVER BUSH	5	\$3.00 TO \$5.00
SILVER TREE		\$3.00
SILVER SUEDE		\$5.00 TO \$6.00
SPEAR GRASS		\$2.00 TO \$3.00
TETRAGONA GUM NUTS	10	\$5.50 TO \$6.50
UMBRELLA BERRIES (LIPSTICK)	5	\$8.00
WINTER SWEET	5	\$7.50
WOODY PEAR	PER STEM	\$1.00

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