



## Bulk Flower Buckets

Styling your own wedding or event with beautiful locally-grown flowers from Vera Flora Farm can be a lot of fun and a great way to stretch your budget. Our farm's vibrant blooms are grown without the use of any chemical fertilizers or pesticides. Our 2 gallon floral bucket is filled with all of the elements (focal flowers, accent flowers, and fillers/foilage) you need to make beautiful and charming arrangements. We offer two bulk bucket options:

**Farmer's Choice Bucket-** a 2 gallon bucket in a mix of coordinating colors chosen by us based on what's at peak bloom and abundance in our fields at the time of your event. \$100

**Premium Color Choice Bucket-** a 2 gallon bucket in colors of your choice to match your desired palette. (example- Cool palette of purples, blues, white & green) \$125

### What you need to know:

- Bulk flower buckets are available June through September (October bulk buckets are possible but not guaranteed- please feel free to inquire).
- We can make NO guarantees that we will have certain types of flowers for your event date.
- Average of 50-75 stems per bucket (depending on the size of the flower varieties)
- Minimum order is 1 bulk bucket.
- Once the flowers are in your care and left our farm, we are not responsible for any damage incurred to the flowers.



## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **How many buckets should I order?**

There are an average of 50-75 stems per bucket, depending on the size of the flower varieties in the mix. One bucket is enough to make 5-7 quart sized mason jar arrangements or enough to fill 25-35 bud vases with tiny openings. It's ALWAYS better to order extra than not enough and put the extra flowers in additional spots around your wedding/event. If your budget allows, add an additional bucket to your order.

### **Can I request certain types of flowers in my buckets?**

In neither the Farmer's Choice nor the Premium Color Palette buckets can you request certain varieties of flowers. We are more than happy to tell you what flowers we expect in bloom for your date based on our over 12 years experience of growing cut flowers, but can NOT make any guarantee. Only Mother Nature is in charge of that!

### **Can you coach me on how to arrange the flowers?**

Sorry! I don't offer design consultations for the purchase of bulk flower buckets. However, here are two excellent tutorials on YouTube:

Mason jar arrangement tutorial using locally grown flowers:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sfmJ\\_ajEBM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7sfmJ_ajEBM)

Bud vase tutorial using locally grown flowers:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OtLMrP8BxJg>

Also, if you have the opportunity, purchase some local flowers and practice at home before your event!

### **How long will the flowers last?**

If properly cared for, most varieties we grow last at least a week, oftentimes much longer! Make sure to use clean vases (either soak them in water with a small amount of bleach to sanitize or run them through the dishwasher), clean water, cut stems with sharp, clean clippers, and change the water daily.

Fresh flowers will drink up water quickly. Make sure to monitor the water level in your vases after arranging and top the vases off to keep the stems in water.

### **Do the flowers need to be refrigerated?**

No, but keep them out of direct sunlight or out of a hot, stuffy room. An ideal storage location is an air conditioned room or cool garage or basement. If your venue has a walk in cooler they are willing to let you use, that's a great option. Just make sure it is a REFRIGERATOR and NOT a freezer is not set below 34 degrees. DO NOT put flowers in a regular home refrigerator.

### **When should I pick up the flowers?**

For most Saturday weddings/events, we advise picking up and arranging the flowers on Thursday evening or Friday day. We are willing to work with your schedule to arrange pick-up between 8am & 5pm, any day but Sunday.

### **How should I transport the flowers?**

Flowers can be transported in the backseat of a car or back of an SUV with functioning air conditioning. You will need about 1.5 square feet per bucket and 18-24" of head height. Do NOT bring a pick-up truck with an open back to pick up the flowers, nor can the flowers go in the trunk of a car. Plan on picking up the flowers as your last errand and returning right home or to the venue where the flowers will be stored. You Do NOT want to leave them in a hot car while you run other errands.

### **Do I need to bring my own buckets?**

No, we provide our own buckets for you to transport everything. We reuse our buckets, so if you are able to return them to the farm or leave them at your venue (if local to the farm) for pick up, we greatly appreciate that! Thanks!

## Tips for success with bulk flowers:

- Allow for plenty of time to arrange the flowers. It takes longer than you'd think and you'd rather finish early than rush right before the wedding or event and be stressed out.
- Designate just a couple people the task of arranging the flowers for a more uniform, finished result.
- Make a sample arrangement and then follow that formula- especially if there is a group arranging the flowers together.
- Find a work space where it's okay to make a mess and drip water. It may be a good idea to use a plastic tablecloth if using a wooden table.
- Strip off all leaves that will be in water in the vase.
- Use sharp clippers meant for clipping plant stems.
- Make sure your vases are CLEAN (either soak them in water with a small amount of bleach to sanitize or run them through the dishwasher.)
- Use clean water to fill the vases (no water from a pond or lake!)
- Store the finished flower arrangements in a cool space after they are arranged (see above FAQ).
- Top off any vases with water that look low before setting the flowers out for the wedding/event.

