

DAHLIA CUTTING

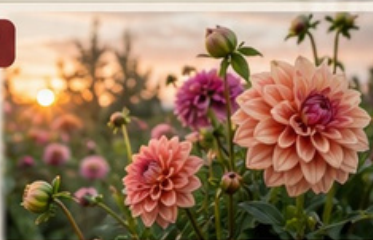
Cheat Sheet

A quick guide to help you harvest beautiful dahlias and enjoy long-lasting bouquets.



BEST TIME TO CUT

- Early morning
after dew has dried
- Evening
as temperatures cool



BEST BLOOM STAGE

- Fully open
- Firm center
not soft or mushy
- Fresh petals
crisp and vibrant

TOO EARLY



Petals not open yet

JUST RIGHT



Fully open, firm center,
fresh petals

TOO OLD



Petals fading,
center soft



AFTER CUTTING

- Into water immediately
don't let stems dry out
- Remove lower leaves
anything that would be below water
- Cool location
out of direct sun and heat



FOR LONGER VASE LIFE

- Change water daily
- Recut stems
½ to 1 inch each time you change water
- Keep out of direct sun
and heat sources
- Remove fading blooms
and yellow leaves



QUICK REMINDER



Cut in the morning
or evening



Choose fully open,
fresh blooms



Get them into
water right away



Fresh water,
clean vase,
recut stems



*Good flowers start in the garden.
Great bouquets come from care.*

