

WELCOME  
*to Heritage Blooms*  
U PICK FLOWER  
FARM

## DIRECTION TO THE FARM

Our farm is located at 3333 Highway 7, Norwood, Ontario. At the corner of Highway 7 and Asphodel 4th line. We recommend coming in from Asphodel 4th line, it's easier access than from the hwy. You will see signs for HERITAGE CATTLE CO. That's us!

- TURN RIGHT and drive up to the parking lot by the red building. Come see us in the farm store to get you started.

## WHAT TO BRING

- Please bring your own scissors or garden pruners.
- Be sure to bring your own clean bucket to transport your flowers home in.
- Sunglasses, water bottles, hats and sunscreen.
- Bring your friends !

SEE YOU  
AT THE FARM!

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# U-PICK FLOWER GUIDE

## HOW TO PROPERLY CUT FLOWERS

1. Look for your favorite flower in the rows. Hold the flower just below the blossom. Lightly grip so you do not crush the stem or accidentally break the flower. If you are cutting zinnias, make sure you are doing the '**Wiggle test**'. Gently grasp the flower halfway down the stem and gently shake it back and forth. If the neck flops, it's not ready for harvest. If the neck is stiff, it's good to go. Harvesting zinnias before their time will just result in limp, dead flowers.

2. With clean sharp scissors cut one individual stem at a time.

3. Gently remove the bottom 2/3 of the leaves and place the stem in water right away.

\*\*\*While you are picking flowers, we ask that you do not walk on the black landscape fabric as we have irrigation system underneath.

Please respect the signs, we have restricted areas that are only for our breeding project.

## ONCE YOU GET HOME

- We do not recommend leaving your flowers in a hot car and try to keep them out of direct sunlight.
- The most important thing to keep your flowers fresh is starting with a clean vase or jar at home. Using hot soapy water or even a touch of bleach to clean it after each use is super important. Bacteria in the water clog the stems' ability to take up water and will drastically reduce vase life.
- Give the stems a fresh cut at a 45-degree angle with sharp scissors before putting them in the clean vase(s) at home. This maximizes the surface area for water uptake.
- Be sure there are no leaves below the water line in the vase. This will cause the water to build bacteria quickly.
- We recommend every 2-3 days changing the water and giving the stems a fresh cut on the bottom.
- Keeping the flowers away from direct sunlight will also extend their vase life.

If you follow these few steps your flowers should provide you awesome vase life!

Snap pictures in the garden and tag [#heritagebloomsupick](https://twitter.com/heritagebloomsupick) to get a chance to win a free UPICK private experience with your friends (random winner will be announced at the end of every month).

