**STORING, PACKING, SHIPPING YOUR FLOWERS TO PRESSED GARDEN**

(Print this out for the person in charge of shipping your bouquet)

**Floral Preservation begins before you send your bouquet to Pressed Garden.**

**Flowers are fragile and perishable. They must be handled gently and kept in water.**

**Often your florist will provide a vase of water for your reception.**

**STORING:**

Until you are ready to ship, trim stems and put in some fresh, cool water. You can store in the refrigerator if there is room, just watch for areas that typically freeze lettuce...if your bouquet freezes, it is ruined. 40-45 Degrees is good.

**PACKING:** (Needed: Med-Large food storage plastic bag, rubber band, 2-3 rolls of paper towel)

DO NOT USE BUBBLE WRAP, PACKING PEANUTS OR FROZEN PACKS!

**BARE STEMMED BOUQUET:**

1. Trim Stems. Do not take the bouquet apart.

2. Wrap ***STEMS*** in wet paper towel, place the stems into bag with a rubber band around them to hold in moisture.

3. Wrap the ***BLOSSOMS*** gently and loosely, several times around the outside of the bouquet (not too tight) to hold it all together, in **DRY PAPER TOWEL.** *DO NOT WRAP BLOSSOMS IN PLASTIC!*

**BOUQUET IN A PLASTIC HOLDER with FOAM:**

1. Gently check to see if the foam is drying out and carefully add water, pouring off excess.

2. Gently and loosely wrap the blossoms several times around the outside of the bouquet (not too tight), in **DRY PAPER TOWEL**. *DO NOT WRAP BLOSSOMS IN PLASTIC!!*

**SHIPPING BOTH TYPES OF BOUQUETS:**

1. Place the bouquet in a box larger than the bouquet with crumpled dry paper towel all around the bouquet. NO BUBBLE WRAP or PACKING PEANUTS!! Placing the bouquet upright can be helpful, if possible. Pack loosely enough for the bouquet to move a little, but not bang around the box.

2. Enclose a $150 deposit (unless pre-booked) and contact information (Name, Address, Phone, and Email).

3. Ship Overnight Express (Post Office, Fed Ex or UPS)

4. Do not require a signature. If I am away from the door momentarily, I don’t want it sent back to the warehouse.

5. If the option is available, have it delivered as early (a.m.) as possible, before the heat of the day here in Florida.

6. Let me know that it is coming (email, text or phone) so I will schedule myself to be here!

7. Send me the tracking number! (text or email)

*BECAUSE I WANT YOUR FLORAL PRESERVATION TO TURN OUT AS BEAUTIFUL AS POSSIBLE, THE FLOWERS NEED TO BE IN GOOD CONDITION and LESS THAN 4 DAYS OLD UPON ARRIVAL. IF THESE PACKING INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOT FOLLOWED, RESULTING IN THE BOUQUET ARRIVING IN POOR CONDITION, THEN PRESSED GARDEN RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TURN THE BOUQUET AWAY. THE BOUQUET WILL NOT BE SHIPPED BACK BUT ANY NONFLORAL ITEMS WILL BE RETURNED. YOUR DEPOSIT WILL NOT BE REFUNDED. PRESSED GARDEN BEARS NO RESPONSIBILITY REGARDING THE CONDITION OF YOUR BOUQUET BEFORE IT ARRIVES AT THE STUDIO.*

**SHIPPING ADDRESS:**

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I will be in touch to let you know the bouquet arrived. Whatever is sent with the bouquet, such as charms, ribbons, etc., will be saved for you. Should you decide later to include any photographs or memento’s in the art, it can be sent separately.

Thank you for trusting Pressed Garden to preserve your floral memories!!! ☺

Annie Fentz-Smith ~\*

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