

Specific Crop Treatments



Daffodil

Daffodil, *Narcissus*, Jonquil, Paper Whites

Family: *Amaryllidaceae*

Species: *Narcissus pseudonarcissus*

Origin: Europe (Southwestern)

Grower Recommendations

Use Floralife's Hydraflor®/100 for 1/2 hour immediately after harvest. Then transfer flowers into a holding solution of a properly mixed Floralife® Brand Fresh Flower Food or Professional formula.

Wholesaler/Retailer Recommendations

Buying Tips:

- Ask: Variety name. Different varieties have different flower qualities. Learn the varieties that work best at your location.
- Avoid: Flowers that are fully open; those with petals that are shriveled or look transparent; stems with dry ends.
- Look for: Buds no longer completely upright, in between the "pencil stage" (*straight up*) and the "gooseneck stage" (*flower bent*); membranes around buds should be open and color clearly visible.

Processing:

Unpack immediately. Remove foliage below water level. Recut stems.

Pretreatment:

Use Floralife Hydraflor products to promote water uptake and hydration. This treatment will help increase bud opening, decrease flower wilting and bent neck and also keeps flower stems free flowing.

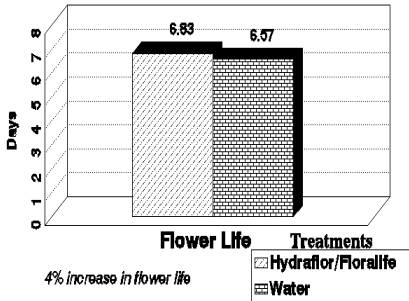
There are two Floralife Hydraflor products to consider:

- 1.) Hydraflor®/100: A concentrate, generally recommended for maximum results, especially with hard-to-hydrate flowers like roses. The treatment is usually for one half hour at room temperature.
- 2.) Floralife Quick Dip®: A ready-to-use version which requires no mixing or measuring. This quick one second dip may be more suitable to retail flower shops.

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Daffodil (continued)

'Dutch Master'



Holding Solution:

Use fresh flower food at recommended rate: Use Floralife® Crystal Clear™, Floralife® Professional or Clear Professional, or depending on water test results, Floralife® Original, Special Blend Hard Water® or Special Blend Pure Water®.

To have water tested, send a plastic quart bottle of your water to: Floralife, Inc., 751 Thunderbolt Drive, Walterboro, SC 29488, Attn. Laboratory.

NOTE: Do not initially hold daffodils in the same bucket as other flowers, especially tulips, due to a sappy secretion from fresh cut stems. Allow flowers to stand in solution by themselves at least 6 hours after recutting. Hold flowers at room temperature for 1-2 hours (2-4 if flowers are limp) prior to storage in cooler or designing. As a finishing touch to any floral design, spray Floralife FloralMist® over entire project.

Storage:

Place in a 34-38°F cooler with 80-90% humidity.

Cleaning:

Use Floralife Formula D.C.D.™ to clean buckets, vases, coolers etc. D.C.D. is specially formulated to kill microbes over an extended period.

Customer Satisfaction:

Always give a packet of a Floralife Brand Fresh Flower Food with your designs. Five gram packets treat one pint of water. Ten gram packets treat one quart of water.

Troubleshooting:

Problem:

Buds fail to open

Reason/Solution:

May be due to insufficient solution uptake. Recut stems under water, use Floralife Quick Dip or Hydraflor/100 followed by a holding solution of a properly mixed Floralife Brand Fresh Flower Food.