

GYPSOPHILA, THE ULTIMATE FILLER

Care and Handling

Gypsophila, commonly known as Baby's Breath, is to roses as peanut butter is to jelly. They just go together! These tiny white blossoms open successively into massive quantities on multi-branching stems. Gypsophila commonly used as a filler flower can also be used to create floral headpieces, wreaths, and is the most popular filler used in all types of bouquets and design work. It mixes well with everything, adding a light and airy appearance. Small clusters of blossoms add just the right touch to wedding and corsage design but don't let the delicate blooms fool you. This filler with proper care and handling can and may outlast the rest of the bouquet.

Despite possible imperfections, Gypsophila is quite hardy and with a few easy steps you can ensure this filler will exceed your expectations:

Unpack ASAP – Gypsophila is a “hot crop” in the box

Prepare buckets with flower food solution that is mixed as recommended by manufacturer. Use clean, good quality water. Avoid softened water

Cut or don't cut stems if using Floralife® Express Technology. Quick Dip first if product is dehydrated upon arrival

Place in prepared container that has been cleaned, disinfected, and deodorized using D.C.D.® Cleaner

Plastic sleeves should be removed ASAP to avoid condensation build up that can lead to flower and stem decay

Allow 2 hours minimum to hydrate, placing buckets in an area with good airflow

Gypsophila is ethylene sensitive. Do not store or display near ripening produce or products that produce ethylene. Make sure to check that your supplier has treated the product with an ethylene action inhibitor, such as Ethylbloc®

Do not overstuff buckets; this product is prone to molding

Do not “mist” Gyp, this may cause blossom browning
Always remember FIFO when rotating Gypsophila

Some common defects of gypsophila include:

Dehydration

Discoloration (pinking)

Premature browning of buds

Tight cut

Broken or weak stems

Fungus

Condensation

Underweight

Unpleasant smell