



# Green Ball Dianthus:

## A POPULAR NEWCOMER!

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Resulting from a chance mutation, Green Dianthus was discovered by plant breeders about fifteen years ago, and a plant oddity that would normally have been discarded was recognized as the versatile gem it is.

Closely related to carnations, Green Dianthus is essentially a Sweet William which doesn't produce any petals, making it extremely long lived. Even though it is a relative newcomer to the cut flower industry it has quickly become a firm favorite with consumer and florists alike.

Its fluffy green appearance makes it extremely versatile as it can be used to create a naturalistic mossy effect or used as a stand-alone stem to make a striking statement. Green Dianthus pairs beautifully with white flowers, making it beloved by many brides. In addition, the heads or inflorescences can be separated and used in boutonnieres, corsages or table arrangements for a tied in look.

And if all that wasn't enough, it's natural green appearance makes it a perfect addition to any arrangements calling for green flowers, which as we know are extremely rare.

So, whether you're looking to create an ethereal forest themed wedding, a fresh and modern composition, or just need to add a touch of texture to a tussie-mussie green arrangement, Green Dianthus has got you covered!

## Care and Handling Information

### Shipping & Storage

- Shipping and storage temperatures should be 34 - 38° F (1- 3° C).
- Dry storage is best, but only if temperatures are maintained between 34 - 38° F.

### Re-hydration at Store Level

- Store flowers dry at 34 - 38° F for as long as possible (until flowers are needed for wet case display).
- Start processing with a clean bucket, sanitized with FloraLife® D.C.D.® Cleaner.
- If received dry packed, conditioning of stem ends is recommended to prevent blockage and promote uptake. Cut approximately 1" or more off stems. Use clean, sanitized clippers or knife, and treat with FloraLife® Quick Dip.
- Place flowers in a flower food holding solution such as FloraLife® Express 200. Do not put flowers directly in metal/galvanized buckets. Use clean, high-quality water that has not been treated with a water softener.
- Store in a cooler at 34 - 38° F with 75 - 85% relative humidity.
- Allow minimum 2 hours to hydrate placing buckets in an area with good airflow.
- Always remember FIFO (first in/first out) when rotating Green Dianthus or any other flowers.

## Vase Care

- Remove any leaves that might be below the vase solution.
- If received dry, cut approximately 1" or more off stems. Use clean, sanitized clippers or knife, and treat with FloraLife® Quick Dip.
- Immediately place flowers in properly dosed vase solutions (flower food and water) containing FloraLife Crystal Clear® Flower Food (the perfect solution for clear vases), or FloraLife® Express 300 Flower Food (the no-cut premium solution).

## Special Considerations

- Green Dianthus are sensitive to ethylene. Make sure your supplier takes the proper anti-ethylene measures.
- As for all flowers that will be displayed out of water (Bouquets, corsages and boutonnieres), spritz blooms with FloraLife® Clear Crowning Glory® Spray to lock in moisture.



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