# **Backyard Blooms**

# DIY Buckets of Blooms

Buckets of Blooms are a creative, budget friendly, & environmentally conscious option for those who would like to design their own bouquets and arrangements and have the time to do so. For weddings, we suggest the support of family and/or friends to assist. A few other considerations are the space to assemble bouquets, a way to keep them cool and fresh, and a means to transport them. Please review these FAQ's to make sure this is the best choice for you!

#### HOW MUCH TIME SHOULD I ALLOW?

Ideally you should pick up your flowers and start creating bouquets 2-3 days before your wedding/event. If properly stored, they will stay fresh for your event day. We suggest a few of you working together. Choose a space that is cool, with floors that can get wet and littered with stems & leaves.

#### HOW DO I STORE THEM?

The most important thing is to keep your flowers in an air conditioned room or cool basement, out of direct sunlight, and away from food and pets.

#### HOW MANY STEMS TO A BUCKET?

A bucket holds approximately 60-70 stems and will include a variety of freshly picked seasonal blooms from the farm: focal flowers, accent flowers, & assorted foliage.

#### HOW MANY STEMS WILL I NEED?

Hand-held bouquets use about 30 stems. For vases it varies by size, but on average, a quart sized mason jar uses roughly 15 stems. Broader vases may require 20-30 stems.

## CAN I REQUEST SPECIFIC VARIETIES?

Yes! We'll do our best to accommodate color palettes and favorite, seasonal flowers. We can usually acquire blooms from other local farms if we don't grow what you need.

#### COST

Buckets are \$150 each. A discount is applied for bulk orders of 5 buckets or more. Large quantities of specialty flowers like dahlias, may incur an additional charge.

#### DO I BRING MY OWN BUCKETS?

You may bring your own buckets or borrow ours. If providing your own, please bring clean, five gallon buckets. If you are using ours, we charge a \$10 deposit per bucket, refundable upon return in good condition.

### HOW DO I GET THE BUCKETS?

Pick up is at Backyard Blooms in Trumbull, CT. Flowers should be transported in a roomy, air-conditioned vehicle with seats that fold down. (We don't recommend open bed trucks or pets in the car.) We will deliver within a 20 mile radius for an additional fee.

To reserve your order, contact <u>BackyardBloomsCT@gmail.com</u> at least 2 weeks before your event. We ask for a down payment of 50%. Final balance is due upon receipt (cash, credit card, PayPal, and Venmo are all accepted).

Thank you for choosing our seasonal, sustainably grown flowers. We hope our labor of love and the beauty of our blooms enhances the joy expressed on your wedding or event day!