

# Bulk Bucket FAQs

## *What's in season?*

We grow more than 250 varieties of flowers in our little half acre, so lots of things! To name just a few: ranunculus, anemones + fancy daffodils mid-February thru early April; Icelandic poppies, foxgloves, snapdragons, sweet peas, agrostemma, strawflower, calendula, nigella, larkspur, canterbury bells + lots of other lovely blues/greens/whites/pastels in April + May; early cosmos + zinnias in May + a full, colorful flower explosion from May to October with the addition of lisianthus, amaranth, globe amaranth, celosia, marigolds + so much more... Dahlias arrive in late June, Japanese anemones begin blooming midsummer + heirloom chrysanthemums are generally flowering by mid to late October.

## *How do bulk buckets work?*

Bulk buckets are farmers choice--we will pick whatever is most gloriously abloom that week for you! You are welcome to specify a particular palette or mood. It's also helpful to know what these flowers are for (i.e. out of water on an arbor, as short table arrangements, etc.). However, please be aware that we are picking whatever is most lovely that week, so we can't offer guarantees on specific flower varieties or accommodate super detailed requests. Flowers will be bundled by variety with rubber bands + wrapped in paper to protect them during transit. We make sure to include enough variety to make a full arrangement, with foliage, grasses or seed pods + focal flowers. The price range reflects variation in the price of available flowers (for example, buckets with lots of dahlias are more expensive). If you're on a budget, we're happy to accommodate you within that range.

## *How many buckets do I need?*

Buckets include ~70-100 stems, which will make roughly 5 quart or 10 pint-sized mason jar arrangements. Wedding party bouquets generally require at least 1/2 bucket of flowers, while a statement-sized handheld bouquet might take up to 3/4 bucket.

## *When + where do I get my flowers + how do I take care of them?*

We recommend pickup at least two days before your event, so that arranging doesn't feel rushed. Flowers are super fresh + will last for a long time, don't worry!

Flowers should remain in water in a cool, dark place out of direct sun until the event. Make sure the water remains cool, clear + refreshed--fresh flowers drink a lot of water!

Flower pickup is at the farm, at 6796 Rincon Rd. in Carpinteria. You can see the field from the driveway + please make sure to pull into the vehicle gate while being aware of our puppies! :)

## *How does the bucket work?*

We strongly encourage you to bring your own buckets to transfer flowers into. We recommend 2.5 gal paint buckets or galvanized metal buckets, which you can get at any hardware store. Otherwise, we charge a fully refundable deposit fee of \$10/bucket if you use ours. Buckets must be returned clean within a week to the farm or farmers market for a full refund.

## *How do I arrange my flowers?*

You'll need sharp floral snips, vessels + lots of cold, fresh water. As you arrange, you might need to shorten stems to fit your desired container--make sure to strip stems of any vegetation below the water line so it doesn't dirty the water + affect vase life. We are big fans of beginning with foliage, adding focal flowers + tucking in the fun, dancing elements of grasses, seed pods, draping amaranth, etc last.

