

# HOW TO DONATE YOUR FLOWERS

Thank you to everyone who already donates flowers. For those who are new to this, please follow these tips below.

## **Flower head donations**

1. Choose flowers that have not browned or gone at all soggy
2. Avoid very pale colours (white/cream/pale peach/pale pink) as these often go brown EXCEPT if they are delphiniums/ alstroemeria/ hydrangea/ gypsophila/ ranuncluus)
3. Eucalyptus is wonderful in confetti - please add any stems to the donation pile
4. To save space in the drop off area, please cut off the flower head from the stems.
5. Donate with the flowers wrapped in some kitchen tissues, or in a material which wont let the flowers sweat if not processed immediately.

## **Tips to dry your petals for confetti donations**

1. Follow steps 1-3 above.
2. Gently pull the petals/ leaves from the stems, and discard any that are damaged or discoloured. Some flowers, eg delphiniums, have a petal with brown mark on it - discard these ones if possible.
3. Spread petals in a single layer over a paper towel, scrap paper or cardboard (this is to absorb moisture from the petals). Place in a warm and dry room until dry to the touch, about 3-5 days depending on weather. You can also put them in a fine mesh vegetable bag and near a radiator.
4. Keep in mind that the colour of the petals will darken once dried and they will shrink and curl.
5. Store somewhere dry until ready to be donated.