

## DEPENDABILITY OF CUT FLOWERS AND PLANT MATERIALS FOR IKEBANA ARRANGEMENTS

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<b>Most Dependable</b> Lasts 3 or more days ("as is")		<b>Usually Dependable</b> may need special conditioning to 2 or more days	<b>Somewhat Dependable</b> better for short term arrangements - may need special conditioning (SC) to last 1 or 2 days	<b>Not dependable</b> avoid or be wary due to short cut life or sheds petals or special conditioning may get 2 days	<b>Notes</b>
Alstroemeria American Bittersweet ** Asiatic Liliya Asters Baby's breath ** Bachelor Buttons & centaureas Bells of Ireland Bird of Paradise** Carnation Balloon Plant Chrysanthemums Coneflowers Craspedia (billy balls) Dahlias Daisies Foxglove Ginger Gladiola Horsetail (SC) Hyacinth Hypericum Lavender Liatris Protea	Agave Asparagus fern Barberry Boxwood Beauty Cactus Dracaena Eucalyptus Ficus (or similar) Firestick ** Foxtail fern Manzanita Monstera Palm ** Pine Pussy willow Sansevieria Split leaf philodendron Succulents Ti leaves ZZ plant  Typically firm, shiny almost waxy looking leaves work well	Anemones Bee balm Calla lily Columbine Daffodils Hesper aloe Peonies Rhododendron Sumac berries Vinca Zinnia	Azalea Coreopsis Delphinium (sheds petals) Gerberas (SC) Pansy & violas Poinsettia (SC) Rose (SC) Rudbeckia Snapdragons Some hydrangeas (SC) Sunflower (SC) Tulips (SC) Sweet pea        Some grasses	Daylilies Geranium Irises Petunias Bougainvillea Lantana Lilac (SC) Tall garden phlox Tecoma Poppy (SC) Vine flowers (clematis, morning glory)  <b>Avoid – quick to  wilt</b> Wildflowers Wild roses Wild ferns Wild blooming branches  Some hydrangeas  Delicate and fragile leaves	** Have also used without water at outdoor exhibits in the sun; have lasted 3+ days in exhibit  Annuals are too numerous to list; need to experiment on your own  Some flowers need misting when used in exhibits  SC = Special Conditioning

Salvia/sages Statice	Dried materials Wood (branches or vines without leaves, driftwood...)				
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