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Pick the Perfect Valentine's Day Flowers

Valentine's Day is steeped in tradition. Giving flowers is a popular tradition each February 14, and the National Retail Federation estimates that people spend around \$2.6 billion on flowers for Valentine's Day, when an estimated 250 million stems of flowers are sold globally. Valentine's Day is the most lucrative day for florists, with the red rose, the most popular flower given on this day for lovebirds.

Just because millions of roses are prepared in advance of Valentine's Day sales doesn't mean this is the type of flower that one has to choose for a bouquet or arrangement. A surprise bouquet can feature unique blooms. Here are tips to give the perfect bouquet to the person who claims your heart.

Identify your loved ones' favorite colors and flowers. Understanding your partner's floral preferences is the first step in choosing a Valentine's Day arrangement. Many have a favorite flower type or color, and everyone's isn't necessarily a red rose. Some people love bright daffodils, while others like exotic lilies. Pay attention to these likes to select flowers that will delight your partner.

Select fresh flowers. When buying flowers in person, make sure they are fresh by gently feeling the part of the petal that meets the stem. If this part is firm, then the flower is fresh.

Opt for neutral tones. If you're unsure of which flowers to buy, stick with varieties in white and soft, neutral tones. This will lend a more romantic vibe to the bouquet. Bright, high-contrast florals may come off as tacky unless you can guarantee that the person prefers them.

Keep allergies in mind. Valentine's Day should be about offering love, not a case of the sniffles. If the person in your life suffers from floral allergies, avoid certain blooms, like sunflowers, chrysanthemums and hyacinths, suggests Funny How Flowers Do That, a United Kingdom-based flower company. Tulips, irises and hydrangea are less likely to cause an allergic reaction.

Order early. Time is of the essence when getting flowers for Valentine's Day. Florists may rush or have fewer flowers to work with as Valentine's Day draws closer. Ordering well in advance means you'll get your desired arrangement.

Choosing flowers comes down to a few simple steps to offer a gift of love on Valentine's Day.

Obituaries
Shawn E. Gore, 55, Republic

With Deepest Sympathy

Lady Red are SBC Champs

*Submitted by Cody Cramer, Athletic Director
Bellevue City Schools*



The Bellevue Lady Red secured the SBC Championship on Saturday, February 8th against Norwalk.
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Special Collections from the OSS

*Submitted by Tim Hassinger, Communications and Outreach Specialist
OSS Solid Waste District*

To keep harmful materials out of local landfills, the Ottawa Sandusky Seneca Solid Waste District (OSS) hosts annual special collection events for residents to properly dispose of unwanted materials. These collections cover four main categories: Electronics, Tires, Appliances, and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW). Residents of Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca counties, including all those in Bellevue and Fostoria, are eligible to participate. Businesses and institutions are not eligible to participate. These collections are mostly free for OSS District residents, aside from a small fee for tire recycling. The OSS Solid Waste District funds and provides these services to residents of Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca counties.

Registration Requirement
Residents must pre-register for

each collection to ensure adequate staffing and supplies. Residents can register online at www.RecycleOSS.org. For residents who do not have access to the internet, registration by phone is available by calling the District at 419-334-7222 and following the prompts:

- Ottawa County residents: Extension 6
- Sandusky County residents: Extension 7
- Seneca County residents: Extension 8

When registering, please be prepared to provide your name, county of residence, preferred arrival timeslot, email address (if applicable), and the number of tires you plan to bring if registering for the tire collection. Collection sites are available in all three counties. Specific details, including dates, times, and locations, will be provided upon registration.

Electronics Collection

- **Registration Closes: May 1st**
- TV Fees: There will be no fees for television recycling this year.
- Accepted: Audio/visual equipment, cables and cords, cell phones, computers and related equipment, copiers and printers, flat-screen LCD/plasma TVs, glass tube CRT TVs, radios, stereo components.
- Not Accepted: Console, DLP, and projection TVs, as well as TVs with broken screens (for safety reasons).
- More Info: www.RecycleOSS.org/television-electronics-collection

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