



Countryside Deadheading Guide

Keep Your Flowers Blooming Longer



What is Deadheading?:

Deadheading is the process of removing spent (faded) flowers before they go to seed. This encourages many plants to produce more blooms instead of putting energy into making seeds.



Pro tip!



Don't wait until every flower has faded! A few minutes of deadheading every week can keep many plants blooming right up until frost!



Why Should You Deadhead?

- ✦ Encourages more flowers
- ✦ Keeps plants looking neat and healthy
- ✦ Helps plants direct energy into new growth
- ✦ Can extend blooming season for many annuals and perennials

Plants to Deadhead:

- Petunias
- Coneflowers
- Geraniums
- Salvia
- Zinnias
- Shasta Daisies
- Marigolds
- Blanket Flower

Plants to NOT Deadhead:

- Angelonia
- Calibrachoa (Million Bells)
- Vinca
- Begonias (Many Varieties)
- Impatiens

How to Deadhead

- Find the faded bloom
- Follow the flower stem down to the first set of healthy leaves or a new flower bud
- Snip just above that point with pruners or pinch with your fingers

Need Help?

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