

2024 PLANNING GUIDE





# SUPPORTING YOUR SHOP

# Thank You!

As the fall holidays approach, our goal continues to be to maximize your profit potential, while providing best-in-class products and service, from our team of dedicated associates. Now more than ever you should order hardgoods, supplies, fresh floral and premade bouquets in advance, to ensure your shop is ready for the busy season.

**Order Products Now** 

#### **GET CASH BACK NOW**

Earn up to \$10.00 on Each Order You Refer through BloomNet®! 9/1/24 - 12/31/24

- Highest referral rates in the floral industry
- Easiest referral qualifications
- No minimum order requirement on outgoing orders
- No minimum monthly dollar amount to qualify
- No monthly cap on total number of outgoing orders
- No International Transaction Fee



As the Fall season approaches, we are reminded, of the importance of staying connected with loved ones. Of course, this time of year provides a very special occasion for you to help your customers convey

through the beauty of flowers how much their families mean to them.

BloomNet is committed to working with you as you assist your customers in expressing their emotions. In addition, we have created an informative Fall 2024 Planning Guide...complete with tips, reminders and insights that can enhance your shop's opportunities for the upcoming

We look forward to working closely with you, helping to assure a successful Fall season for your business!

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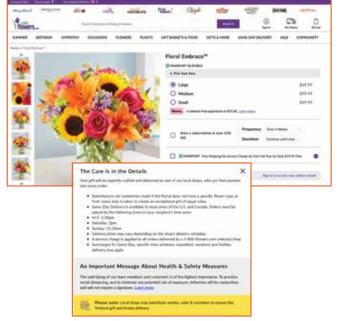
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# **UPDATED SUBSTITUTION GUIDELINES**

At times, you may need to make a substitution to ensure each order is fresh and delivered in a timely manner. Please know that in this instance, the 1-800-FLOWERS.COM® team has made updates to their website to highlight this possibility, showing that even in a difficult time, the utmost care & attention is given to ensure each arrangement is designed of equal value.

**View Substitution Guidelines** 



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holidays.



# **FEATURED FALL & THANKSGIVING PRODUCTS**

# For 1-800-FLOWERS.COM®



#191110
Fields Of Europe® For Fall



#191122 Garden of Grandeur™ for Fall



#191263 Plentiful White Pumpkin™



#191123 Harvest Glow™ Bouquet



#191170 Sweet Citrus™ Bouquet



Fields of Europe® for Fall



#191167
Floral Embrace™



#1911/3 Lovely Lavender Medley™



#191313 Vibrant Floral Medley™



Daydream Bouquet™



Always On My Mind™ Flower Bouquet



#194994 a-DOG-able® for Fall

#### 1-800-FLOWERS.COM® FALL & THANKSGIVING FEATURED CODIFIED CONTAINERS

190076 White Crackle Pumpkin 190078 Champagne Hobnail Vase 156138 Rustic Cube 156670 Violet Fluted Gathering Vase 190115 Sweet As Can Be Vase 190113 Pet Bed Kit

**View Recipes** 

# **SEASONAL TIPS**

# Fall & Thanksgiving Reminders

#### **OPERATIONS CHECKLIST**

- Reinforce with staff the importance of photo proof of delivery as well as submitting out for delivery (DLOU) notifications in real time.
- ☐ To maximize productivity, set up a functional assembly line so that designers have all resources easily accessible to them but still remaining socially distant.
- Use <u>FloraLife antiviral cleaning solutions</u> to disinfect flower buckets and work surfaces.
- ☐ Keep record of what product and add-on's have been ordered, and who will process it upon arrival.
- For any vases you green-up in advance, check daily to see if water needs to be added. Soak floral foam properly to avoid air pockets.
- Consult past staffing & performance patterns to plan for this year's holiday.

# **TECHNOLOGY CHECKLIST**

- Utilize photo proof-of-delivery.
   Submit delivery photos through our FREE Route4Me App.
- ☐ Ensure you have plenty of paper and ink for printers, including receipt printers.
- ☐ Make sure your computer has all of the most recent updates.
- Gain access to more <u>local delivery drivers</u> at discounted rates!

## LOCAL STORE MARKETING

Place window banners and retail posters in windows where easily seen from parking lot or the road. Display current store hour signs and delivery policies where FedEx, UPS and USPS can easily see.

Utilize <u>BloomNet360.com</u> our online marketplace of customizable print assets to order and use to promote your shop.

- front door store hour sign
- bounce back cards
- brochures

- business open/closed sign
- postcards
- gift cards

SAVE 20% on Fall assets - 502NV (offer available 8/11 until 9/29/2024)

SAVE 10% on Fall assets - DTDWS (offer available 9/29 until 11/1/2024)

SAVE 20% on Holiday assets - QWGSF (offer available 9/29 until 11/2/2024)

SAVE 10% on Holiday assets - 7E10K (offer available 11/2 until 12/1/2024)



# Fresh Floral Marketplace. Priced Right!



# Best in Class Farms



We've established strategic relationships with farms in the leading flower-growing countries

# Premium Floral Varieties



Through our marketplace we connect you to the farms, giving you access to premium floral varieties

# Freshness Guaranteed



We eliminate the middleman by streamlining procurement, saving time and money

For more information, please visit <a href="www.farm2florist.com">www.farm2florist.com</a>, email farm2florist@bloomnet.net, or call us at 1-800-256-6663.



# **SEASONAL TIPS**

# **Fall & Thanksgiving Procurement**

It is imperative that you place your orders for fresh floral, containers and supplies as soon as possible. This season, 1-800-FLOWERS.COM® is featuring the following fresh floral in our Fall & Thanksgiving arrangements.

#### FRESH FLORAL

Roses, 50cm (Hot Pink, Pink, Lavender, Peach, Orange, Bi-color Orange, Circus, Red & White)

Asiatic Lilies (Orange, Red, Pink & White)

Oriental Lilies (Pink)

Hybrid Lilies (White)

**Carnations** (Hot Pink, Lavender, Lime Green, Orange & White)

Mini Carnations (Pink, Hot Pink, Orange & Red)

**Alstroemeria** (Lavender, Orange Pink, White & Yellow)

Sunflowers, medium

**Snapdragons** (White, Yellow and Purple Orange)

Stock (Lavender, Pink & White)

Statice (Purple)

Waxflower (Pink & Purple)

**Button Poms** (Green, Lavender, Red & Yellow)

Cushion Poms (Lavender & White)

**Daisy Poms** (Lavender, Red, Rust, White & Yellow)

Delphinium (Blue & Dark Blue)

Dianthus (Purple)

Athos (& Athos Pom)

Bupleurum

Queen Anne's Lace

Football Mums (White & Bronze)

Mini Gerbera Daisies (Red)

Gerbera Daisies (Pink, Orange)

Gypsophila/Baby's Breath

Hypericum Berries (Red)

Larkspur (Pink)

Leucadendron (Red)

Lisianthus (Pink)

**Monte Casino** (Purple, White & Mardi Gras)

Myrtle

Solidago

Trachelium (Blue & Green)

Calla Lily (Orange)

Craspedia (Yellow)

Thistle (Blue)

## **FRESH PLANTS & GREENERY**

**Eucalyptus** (Silver Dollar, Spiral & Seeded)

Leather Leaf

Fall Mum Plant (6-8"H)

Peace Lily Plants (6-8"H & 20-24"H)

Podocarpus Money Tree Salal (& Salal Tips)
Sheet Moss

Variegated Pittosporum

Join us in bringing the beauty and benefits of nature to your customers with the Plant Program

- No Order Minimums
- 2 Day Fed Ex Shipping
- Enjoy competitive pricing, unmatched availability and top notch quality
- $\bullet$  Now Featuring 14 different plant varieties and 28 different sku's

Our team has uncovered fantastic deals on amazing plants just for you! You'll love the quality and price.

Learn More





# **BOUQUETS2GO**



# **Daily Reminders**





## PRE-MADE BOUQUETS FOR FALL

Our pre-made bouquet program is designed to help BloomNet Florists maximize fulfillment capacity & profit potential during busy seasons. This season, our pre-made bouquet program offers 10 pre-made bouquets for Fall, each a top selling 1-800-FLOWERS.COM® arrangement.

These pre-made bouquets have been created by the 1-800-FLOWERS.COM® Florist Designed Team, with farm level pricing! Pre-made bouquet offerings are updated regularly to include all major holidays to help support your fulfillment needs year-round! Best of all, you can place pre-made bouquet orders on your BloomNet Clearinghouse!



Harvest Charm™ Bouquet #194998



Harvest Glow™ Bouquet #191123



Fields of Europe® for Fall #191110



Fields of Europe® for Fall Centerpiece



Fields of Europe® for Fall Basket #191021



Garden of Grandeur for Fall #191122



Sunlite Autumn Medlev™ #147198



Fields of Europe® for Fall #191110



Autumn Wishes™ Centerpiece #147199



Plentiful White Pumpkin™ #191263

#### **View Bouquet Pricing**

**Fall VistaFlor Deadlines:** 

Order By: Friday November 8th Last Delivery: Wednesday November 27th. To Order (877) 281-0327 or email 18F@vistaflor.com

Pricing includes shipping and is a landed store price. Most bouquets are available in quarter & half boxes. Select floral varieties may be substituted based on availability. Please note, premade bouquet orders only include fresh floral bouquets. Please refer to the 1-800-FLOWERS.COM® Design Resource Guide for required hardgoods, supplies and/or accessories.

# **DELIVERY CONFIRMATIONS**

To help reduce customer service issues and provide a better customer experience:

- Submit Delivery Confirmations in real time or before 7:00pm on all completed deliveries & earn a \$1.00 credit for each DLC received on time!
- Submit a Delivery Notification in real time or before 7:00pm on all deliveries that were attempted, but not able to be successfully completed.
- Submit out for delivery message as soon as drivers leave your shop. (DLOU)

#### Here are ways to submit Delivery Confirmations:

- FREE MOBILE APP: "Route4Me" for Business Management System Customers
- TEXT: 1-855-TEXT-DLC (1-855-839-8352)
- CALL: 1-855-839-8352
- ONLINE: BloomLink

#### **REJECTING ORDERS:**

• Our <u>Timely Reply Program</u> requires shops unable to deliver an order, to reject it within two hours of receiving it. Doing so gives BloomNet time to secure another shop to deliver the order, avoiding additional fees.

#### **SENDING PHONE & FAX ORDERS**

• To receive payment for phone orders fulfilled, you must complete an Incoming Order Form (BloomLink>Utilities>Reports>Incoming Order Report Form). All orders fulfilled via BloomLink do not require an Incoming Order Form. Payment will be applied to the following month's statement.

#### ZIP CODE SELF-SERVICE

• Shops have the ability to update/add delivery zip codes, for servicing cities, for shop-to-shop orders. See page 10 of the Directory White Pages for details.

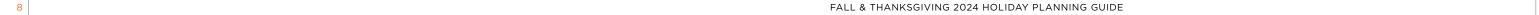
#### **SELF-SUSPENDING**

• If you need to self-suspend incoming orders, there are several steps to do so. Please review the steps for self-suspending incoming BloomLink orders, as well as the steps for self-suspending your BloomNet Commerce website.











# **ENHANCE YOUR DELIVERIES**

# with BloomNet Delivery Service Providers

# Did you know 1-800-Flowers.com® orders with Photo Proof of Delivery are 6 times less likely to receive a cancellation



# Real-time Updates with Route4Me App What is Route4Me?

- FREE Route4Me app lets drivers receive routes electronically on their smart phone (IOS & Android compatible)
- Drivers can submit real-time Photo Proof of Delivery Confirmations right on their smart phone
- Optimized delivery routes can even be updated while trips are in progress
- Provide drivers with real-time driving directions and address verification

Driver Set Up Instructions Android IOS

New Self Service Route4me BMS POS and BMS LITE users can now utilize the <u>"Route4Me Registration"</u> page to self service their account.





Access more local delivery drivers by partnering with Walmart GoLocal and Doordash

- Increase Efficiency: Find available drivers for same day deliveries, 9am-9pm, any day of the year!
- **Reduce Expenses:** Pay only for the delivery drivers you use (with no monthly fees)
- Gain Visibility: Get real-time delivery updates straight to your BMS platform

Make your deliveries more efficient with the BloomNet Enhanced Delivery Program!







BloomNet360 is your one-stop-shop for customizable marketing products, designed to help build your local brand and business!

- Browse our library of premade templates
- Customize them with your own logo and shop information
- Order exactly what you need & still benefit from high-quantity price breaks
- Have your order shipped to your shop, or leverage our direct mail services!

**Brochures** 



#### **Postcards**



**Bounce Back Cards** 



**Get Started Today** 



# **SEASONAL TIPS**

# **Guides and Manuals**

Our Design Resource Guides and Workroom Manuals are a collection of beautifully distinctive floral arrangements, by some of the floral industry's most talented local floral artisans!

For your convenience, electronic versions of the Design Resource Guides and Workroom Manuals are available online.





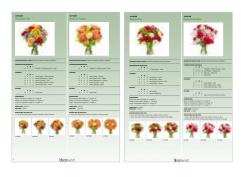


# 1-800-FLOWERS.COM®

- 2024 Fall, Holiday & Everyday Design Resource Guide
- 2024 Fall, Holiday & Everyday Design Resource Guide Supplement
- 2022 Sympathy Design Resource Guide







# **BloomNet Essentials**

- 2024 Fall/Holiday & Everyday Workroom Manual Supplement
- Everyday & Holidays Full Workroom Manual
- Tributes & Sympathy Workroom Manual

# **SEASONAL TIPS**

# **Designer Inspiration**

# napco

## **Napco Trend Reports**

Being unique is our top priority. Use our seasonal trend reports to discover new and unique products, themed to each season, and perfect for inspiring creativity in your own store displays!



**View Trend Reports** 



## **NEW Hands On/In Person & Live Online Classes!**



**OCTOBER 6-8** "Celebrating Life Everyday" With **Sharon McGukin** AIFD, CFD, PFCI

**ENROLL BY SEPTEMBER 23** 



"Creative Flair Focus" Angelyn Tipton AIFD, CFD, GMF, PFCI **ENROLL BY OCTOBER 1** 



"Speak Up" With Angelyn Tipton AIFD, CFD, GMF, PFCI & Renato Sogueco, AAF, PFCI

**ENROLL BY OCTOBER 11** 



Sharon McGukin AIFD, CFD, PFCI

**Renato Sogueco** 

**Angelyn Tipton** 

**SPACE IS LIMITED** Enroll Now!



# **SOCIAL MEDIA BEST PRACTICES**

## for Seasonal Success





Leverage social media to your advantage during busy holiday seasons, to engage both current and potential customers!

#### 1 Stay Updated

Make sure your business information is up-to-date on all social platforms, this includes but isn't limited to, business name, address, web address, phone number and hours.

## 2 | Include Videos

Providing business updates through live broadcasts, stories and/or video uploads across various social media platforms, especially YouTube, Facebook and Instagram.

#### 3 | Keep it Short & Sweet

Despite the recommended limit, don't abbreviate or use acronyms. Instead, write out full words to make for an easier read.

## 4 | Include Links

Linking your social posts back to your website can help potential customers view your selection! Help speed up the buying process and help customers find exactly what they are looking for!

#### **5** Use Hashtags

Research shows posts with 11 or more hashtags garner 80% more engagement. Here's a list for your use this season.

#thanksgiving #thanksgivingdecor #thanksgivingdinner #thanksgivingtablescape
#thanksgivingflowers #fallflowers #autumnflowers #autumnflorals
#halloweenflowers #halloween #halloweendecor #halloween2024
#halloweendecoration #bossesday #sweetestday #breastcancerawarenessmonth
#veteransday #electionday #smallbusinesssaturday #shopsmall #cybermonday

# **EMAIL MARKETING TIPS**

# for Seasonal Success

# **Build Sales with Your Emails**

- Offer past customers a promotion to place another order.
- Collect email addresses from current and future customers.
- Run a "Year Full of Flowers" sweepstakes and require an email address for entry. Visit <u>BloomNet360</u> for sweepstakes assets, as well as FREE rules and regulations.









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# **Tips to Grow Your Email List**

- Create an inventory of all the places you normally interact with your customers. Then practice saying out loud why they should join your email list.
- Reach out to loyal customers who already receive your emails, and ask if they're willing to help spread the word about your business.
- Create an online sign-up form, so anyone visiting your website will be able to sign up to receive your emails.
- Reach your current and future customers to introduce new products, services, or advertise a promotion or event.

Learn more today

# We're Here For You

During peak seasons, BloomNet's Customer Service teams are available when you need us the most. If you can't find another member to fulfill an order, please send it to Commitment to Coverage, Z9980000.

For any other questions, please visit www.bloomnet.net/contactus.

