



Recommended Methods for Drying Various Flowers

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Preserving flowers from your garden can be an added enjoyment to gardening. Many flowers from your spring, summer and fall garden can be dried for permanent use. Dried and preserved plant materials make excellent floral decorations and gifts. They are also a way of preserving memories of an event such as a wedding, birth, or funeral. Preserved flowers last almost indefinitely and require little care. Preserving them at home can save lots of money compared to purchasing similar decorations at a florist or craft shop. The following chart provides information on the best ways to preserve certain flowers. For more detailed information on these methods, refer to other horticulture fact sheets.

African violet (<i>Saintpaulia</i> sp.)	desiccate
Ageratum (<i>Ageratum houstonianum</i>)	desiccate, press
Artemisia 'Silver King' (<i>Artemisia</i> sp.)	air dry
Baby's-Breath (<i>Gypsophila paniculata</i>)	air dry, press
Bells-of-Ireland (<i>Molucella laevis</i>)	air dry, desiccate
Bee Balm (<i>Monarda didyma</i>)	air dry
Blackberry Lily (<i>Belamcanda chinensis</i>)	air dry
Bleeding Heart (<i>Dicentra spectabilis</i>)	desiccate, press
Butterfly weed (<i>Asclepias tuberosa</i>)	press
Calendula (<i>Calendula officinalis</i>)	desiccate
Carnation (<i>Dianthus</i> sp.)	desiccate
Chinese lantern (<i>Physalis alkekengi</i>)	air dry
Chive (<i>Allium schoenoprasum</i>)	air dry
Chrysanthemum (<i>Chrysanthemum</i> sp.)	air, desiccate, press
Cockscomb (<i>Celosia cristata</i>)	air dry, press
Columbine (<i>Aquilegia</i> sp.)	desiccate, press
Coneflower (<i>Echinacea purpurea</i>)	air dry, desiccate
Coralbells (<i>Heuchera</i> sp.)	press
Cornflower (<i>Centaurea cyanus</i>)	desiccate, press
Coreopsis (<i>Coreopsis</i> sp.)	air dry
Cosmos (<i>Cosmos</i> sp.)	desiccate, press
Daffodil (<i>Narcissus</i> sp.)	desiccate, press
Dahlia (<i>Dahlia</i> hybrids)	desiccate

Daylily (<i>Hemerocallis</i> sp.)	desiccate
Delphinium (<i>Delphinium elatum</i>)	desiccate, press
Dusty miller (<i>Senecio cineraria</i>)	air dry, press
Foxglove (<i>Digitalis purpurea</i>)	desiccate
Gaillardia (<i>Gaillardia</i> x <i>grandiflora</i>)	desiccate, press
Gladiolus (<i>Gladiolus</i> x <i>hortulanus</i>)	desiccate
Globe amaranth (<i>Gomphrena globosa</i>)	air dry
Globe thistle (<i>Echinops ritro</i>)	air dry
Goldenrod (<i>Solidago</i> hybrids)	air dry, press
Heliopsis (<i>Heliopsis helianthoides</i>)	air dry
Heliotrope (<i>Heliotropium arborescens</i>)	press
Hollyhock (<i>Alcea rosea</i>)	air dry, desiccate
Iris (<i>Iris</i> sp.)	desiccate
Lamb's ear (<i>Stachys byzantina</i>)	air dry
Larkspur (<i>Consolida ambigua</i>)	air dry, desiccate, press
Lavender (<i>Lavandula angustifolia</i>)	air dry
Liatris (<i>Liatris spicata</i>)	air dry
Lily (<i>Lilium</i> sp.)	desiccate
Love-in-a-Mist (<i>Nigella damascena</i>)	air dry
Marigold (<i>Tagetes</i> sp.)	air dry, desiccate, press
Marjoram (<i>Origanum marjorana</i>)	air dry
Money Plant (seedpods) (<i>Lunaria annual</i>)	air dry
Painted Daisy (<i>Tanacetum coccineum</i>)	desiccate
Pansy (<i>Viola</i> x <i>wittrockiana</i>)	desiccate, press
Peony (<i>Paeonia</i> hybrids)	desiccate
Poppy (seedpods) (<i>Papaver orientale</i>)	air dry
Pincushion Flower (<i>Scabiosa caucasica</i>)	air dry
Queen Anne's Lace (<i>Daucus carota</i>)	desiccate
Rose (<i>Rosa</i> sp.)	air dry, desiccate, press
Sage (<i>Salvia officinalis</i>)	air dry, desiccate
Salvia, blue (<i>Salvia farinacea</i>)	air dry, desiccate
Sea Holly (<i>Eryngium amethystinum</i>)	air dry
Snapdragon (<i>Antirrhinum majus</i>)	desiccate
Statice (<i>Limonium sinuatum</i>)	air dry
Statice, German (<i>Limonium latifolium</i>)	air dry
Strawflower (<i>Helichrysum bracteatum</i>)	air dry
Yarrow (<i>Achillea filipendulina</i>)	air dry
Zinnia (<i>Zinnia</i> sp.)	desiccate