CHECKLIST

Seasonal Flower Buying Checklist

- [ ] Feel the stem near the base for firmness and check the cut end for browning.
- [ ] Look at the foliage—it should be turgid and bright, not papery or yellowing.
- [ ] Ask the seller where the flowers were grown and when they were cut.
- [ ] Choose blooms at a tight stage rather than fully open.
- [ ] Check for soil or light marking on stems, which indicates recent cutting.
- [ ] Visit the same market or florist regularly to learn what appears when.
- [ ] Note the price during peak season and compare it to out-of-season offerings.