

DAFFODILS IN MIXED BOUQUETS

Do you know why you rarely see daffodils as part of mixed bouquets?

Or have you tried putting those gorgeous freshly cut narcissi into a vase with tulips--and met with disastrous results?

Daffodil sap contains calcium oxalate crystals. When the blooms are cut, the sap starts flowing. Calcium oxalate is poisonous to other cut flowers, which is why daffodils should NOT be mixed with other plant material as long as the sap is flowing.

However, you CAN create that beautiful mixed bouquet if you put the daffodils in water overnight on their own, and then combine them with other flowers the next day. If you are in a hurry, you may also place them in water with a little bleach mixed in (20 - 25 drops per gallon) for between 1 and 6 hours. Then rinse, and combine with other flowers.

Be cautious: if you recut the stems at any time, the sap will begin flowing again.

