

There are a few questions we typically ask to help determine if we will be able to repurpose donated flowers from a wedding/event:

What types of flowers and size of arrangements would you be donating?

- In order to reuse event flowers in the hand-tied bouquets we create and gift to hospice here in Portland, **the stems of the flowers must be at least 15 inches long**. Oftentimes, table centerpieces have been cut much shorter than that to accommodate smaller vases and/or placement in green Oasis floral blocks.
- **The bouquets we send out to our hospice partners are meant to last 5-7 days once delivered**, so it is also important to consider the life “left” in the flowers you’d like to donate. Oftentimes, they are fully open/bloomed out on purpose for the day of the event to show as most spectacular for the event/wedding or have been heavily stressed due to high temperatures, particularly if it is an outdoor wedding.
- There are also certain types of flowers we are not able to use due to their size, strong scent, skin sensitivities and/or tendency to shed. Please reach out if you have questions about particular varieties.

2. If the majority of the flowers do meet the minimum stem length requirement of 15 inches, **how many arrangements would you be donating?**

3. **Will they be donated in buckets or will the vases/containers be donated as well?** If you are not donating the vases but are able to deliver the flowers to our workspace on a Monday between 7am and noon, we can transfer the flowers to buckets we have onsite.

4. **Finally, do you have someone willing to deliver them to our workspace at 160 SW Miller Road?** (Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity to pick them up at the event venue.)

Please feel free to contact Project Manager Stacy Addison (s.addison@thebloomproject.org) directly via email if you need more detail/clarification regarding any of the information above or if you have questions about anything else pertaining to your potential donation or The Bloom Project! She is generally available 8am-4pm, Monday through Thursday.

**If your wedding flowers do not meet our requirements, another option would be to contact a senior care facility or similar organization in the area shortly before your wedding to see if they are able to use the flower arrangements in their dining or common areas.*