



TIPS FOR SHOWING DAHLIAS



1. READ THE RULES

CSDS prints a booklet of official show rules with info on eligibility, sections for entries and awards.

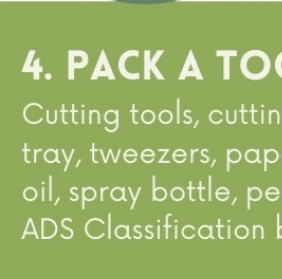
2. GROW GREAT BLOOMS

Top, disbud, disbranch and time your dahlias for peak bloom at show time. Pick strong, healthy, pest free blooms true to form, color and size.



3. CUT AND PREP

Cut evening before or early morning on day of show. Keep at least 1 set of leaves. Keep cool and secure in transport buckets.



4. PACK A TOOLKIT

Cutting tools, cutting board, shallow tray, tweezers, paper towels, canola oil, spray bottle, pens, show tags, ADS Classification book



5. STAGE YOUR BLOOMS

Secure bloom in vase. Check foliage and use canola oil to clean leaves. Mist if needed. Tag and place on section exhibition table by 9am.

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