

To keep delivery notifications from spoiling a flower surprise, use contact details the recipient cannot see and check the alert settings before placing the order. Also think about shared devices and the delivery itself, since either can reveal the gift before you intend.

Choose a private contact

Enter an email address and phone number that belong to you, rather than the recipient, wherever the order form allows. Confirmation messages often include the delivery date, the sender's name, or details of the flowers. Even a brief preview on a locked screen can give the surprise away.

Check each field before paying. Some forms ask separately for the purchaser's contact details and the recipient's details, so it is worth reading the labels rather than assuming one number covers both.

Check what the recipient may receive

Look for an option to turn off recipient updates, and read any explanation of how delivery messages are handled. A service may use the recipient's number to arrange access or confirm that someone is home. That can be useful, but it may also tell them that flowers are coming.

If the form does not make this clear, ask the seller before ordering what messages the recipient will receive and whether those messages can be avoided. Do not leave out a required phone number without checking. The driver may need a way to resolve an address or access problem.

Keep tracking out of shared spaces

Order confirmations can appear in more places than your inbox. A shared email account, tablet, browser, or household calendar might show a preview of the order to the recipient. Use a private account and device if possible, and check where your mail or calendar notifications appear.

If you use a shared device, signing out after ordering may help keep the confirmation private. Also consider hiding message previews on a screen the recipient can see. You can still check the order yourself without leaving its details in view.

Plan for the delivery moment

Alerts are only one possible clue. A driver calling for directions, a parcel left in a visible place, or a delivery arriving while you are both at home can reveal the gift. Choose a delivery window that suits your plan if a choice is offered, while allowing for the possibility that timing may change.

Give clear address and access instructions so the driver is less likely to need help. If you want the flowers left somewhere specific, check that the seller accepts those instructions and that the spot is suitable for flowers.

Have a backup contact plan

Decide how you will handle a missed delivery before the day arrives. Keep your phone nearby if you have given your number, and watch for messages from the seller or driver. A quick reply may solve a problem without involving the recipient.

If the recipient must be contacted to complete the delivery, consider asking the seller what information the message will include. A practical notice may reveal less than a full order confirmation, though it can still hint that something is on its way.

A few checks before ordering can protect the surprise while giving the driver enough information to deliver the flowers.

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