

Daylight saving time can alter the difference between your clock and the recipient's, changing how order deadlines and delivery hours line up. Check the local time at the delivery address before choosing a date or deciding when to place an order.

## How clock changes affect time differences

Some regions set clocks ahead for daylight saving time and later return them to standard time, while other regions do not adjust their clocks. Places that do observe the change may also switch on different dates.

As a result, the time gap between two locations can shift for a period during the year. If one location changes its clocks before the other, the usual difference will be temporarily altered. A similar change can occur when clocks are set back.

For an order crossing borders, the recipient's local time is generally the key reference. Unless the delivery service specifies another time zone, a window from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. means the hours at the delivery address. The bouquet may still be on its way during the recipient's afternoon even if it is already evening for you.

A clock change does not automatically cause a flower delivery to arrive late. It can lead to confusion, though, if you read a cutoff as applying to the wrong time zone, misunderstand which date you selected, or expect a delivery update at an unsuitable hour.

## Steps to arrange delivery

Before placing an order near a clock change, check a few details to make sure the date and timing are clear.

1. **Confirm the recipient's local date and time.** Check the time at the delivery address, especially when the requested date is close to a daylight saving change.
2. **Identify the time zone for the cutoff.** Read the order deadline closely. If the service does not say which zone applies, contact it to clarify before ordering.
3. **Select the date based on the recipient's calendar.** This is particularly important if you are placing an order late at night and the destination has already moved into the next day.
4. **Leave flexibility in your plans.** Place the order in advance when possible, and use the stated delivery window rather than counting on arrival at one exact hour.
5. **Save and check the confirmation.** Make sure the address, delivery date, and other details are correct. Contact the service quickly if you notice an error.

For a birthday or another significant occasion, consider scheduling the flowers to arrive before the event day. This allows extra time in your plans, although available dates and delivery conditions vary by service and location.

## Common timing questions

### Does the delivery window move when the clocks change?

Not in every case. The delivery hours shown in the recipient's local time may remain unchanged, even though those hours correspond to a different time where you live. Check the order confirmation to see which time zone it uses.

### Is it possible to choose an exact arrival time?

Availability depends on the delivery service. Ask before ordering if it can provide delivery at a particular time, and find out what its procedure is if the recipient is not at home.

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