

DAFFODIL, NARCISSUS, JONQUIL



Narcissus is a classical Latin name, perhaps as the origin suggests, in allusion to narcotic properties. It is not clear whether it was named after the mythological Narcissus.

Botanical Name *Narcissus cvs.*

Ethylene Sensitivity Yes

Interior Light 50–100 foot candles. Higher light intensities are preferred to prevent “stem topple”.

Storage 33–35°F. Storage time is three days.

Purchasing Hints Flowering potted plants should be purchased and marketed in the pencil stage. Pencil refers to the straight up position of the flower relative to the stem.

Consumer Life Five to 14 days, depending on variety and interior temperature.

Special Concerns Plants should be displayed at 41°F and 50–100 foot candles or higher. Extended storage may cause leaf yellowing and reduced longevity. Plants should be sprayed with Ethephon at the pencil stage to reduce stem topple.

Additional Information Maximum longevity is achieved when plants are displayed at 41°F and held in the home at 65°F and 50–100 foot candles. Higher temperatures will reduce longevity.