

SALVIA, SCARLET SAGE

Botanical Name *Salvia splendens*

Ethylene Sensitivity Yes

Storage Temperature 50-55°F

Storage Time 3 days

Purchasing Hints Plants should be sold when flower color is just beginning to show. Plants grown (acclimatized) under moisture stress conditions generally perform better at retail and consumer levels.

Special Concerns Extended shipping times, drying out and exposure to ethylene will cause leaf yellowing and/or flower drop.

Additional Information Salvia can be used as an interior plant but longevity is two weeks or less. Care must be taken to avoid wilt during retail display. Wilting will lead to leaf yellowing.

A member of a large genus of at least 700 species, salvia is Latin meaning safe or unharmed, in reference to the medicinal properties of some of the species. This species does not possess fragrant foliage which is characteristic of many other salvia species.