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Some helpful tips from FGC's Home Sweet Home: Back to Nature Flower Show
Horticulture Class Consultant Sherry Greer.

Check your gardens now for daffodils. They can be kept in your fridge for 2 - 3 weeks and will still be fresh and ready to enter our Flower Show at the end of April.

Here's how to select daffodils and keep them in peak condition:

Get a bucket with water and look outside for your best blooms (no tears, stains or deformed petals)

Cut the stems long (you will need to trim more later)

Take them inside, recut the stem, and store them in clean bottles filled with water in a spare fridge

Set the fridge temp at 35 - 40 degrees

Remove any fruits or vegetables, which will give off a gas that ages the daffodils

Add a tray of water or a wet towel to keep the humidity up

The day before the Show, take them out, recut the stems, and place them in a clear glass container with water