

2026 Pre-Show Schedule

Week Number	Date		
14	01-02	Remove leaves, pot down (necks) and pot up. Foliar feed once in addition to regular fertilizing program. Disbud everything, snipping the stalk at 1 inch to encourage blossom stalks.	
13	01-09		
12	01-16	Completely disbud all plants except perhaps miniatures and trailers. Put one new tube in each fixture. Start "bloom booster" fertilizer formula.	10-62-10
11	01-23	Increase light time by one hour. Disbud heavily variegated varieties and double varieties, such as Rhapsodies, etc. for the last time. Continue to disbud all other varieties. Continue "bloom booster" fertilizer.	10-62-10
10	01-30	Increase light time by one hour (14 hours). Disbud double and lightly variegated varieties for the last time. Continue to disbud semi-double stars and singles. Check for suckers. Continue "bloom booster" fertilizer. Foliar feed once more.	10-62-10
9	02-06	Increase light time by one hour (14 hours). Disbud semi-double stars for the last time. Change to 12-36-14 or 15-30-15 etc. Fertilize formula for the remaining weeks.	12-36-14
8	02-13	Disbud singles for the last time. Check for suckers. Wash foliage.	10-62-10
7	02-20	If the minis/semis are not showing their first flower, move to a warmer, brighter location and give extra humidity. Some plants may require assistance in the positioning of their bloom stalks (to avoid a bloom getting stuck under a leaf).	
6	02-27		
5	03-06		
4	03-13	Minis/semis should look ready for show	
3	03-20		
2	03-27		
1	04-03	Remove spent blossoms, peduncles, and pedicel stubs. Check for suckers. Brush away soil particles, etc. Pot down necks or pot up only if necessary (see "Last minute Potting Tips").	
Day 1	04-10	Again remove spent blossoms, etc. Remove leaf support rings and foil wrap pots (if required by show schedule). Place plants in transporting boxes so that the foliage is supported.	
	04-11	Show and Sale	