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AVSA Weekly Growing Tip

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Greetings!

Welcome to today's Growing Tip email from the [African Violet Society of America](#).

You are going on vacation for two weeks. What should you do so that your African violets survive?

Multiple Choice. Choose the best answer:

1. Ask a friend or neighbor to come in and water. [Keep conditions as usual](#). You may adjust the temperature controls in the house to save energy but stay within 10 degrees of 72° F.
2. [Water as usual](#) the day before you leave. Remove all of the stems ([peduncles](#)) with open flowers. Adjust the temperature controls in the house to save energy but stay within 8° of 72° F. Close the blinds and/or turn off the growing lights.
3. Water violets extra heavily. Cross your fingers.

The worst answer is number 3. Surviving without you for two weeks or more takes planning. Too much water and your plants may be rotting by the time you reach home.

Number 1 might work, if you have someone truly dependable. But I'd be rich if I had a dollar for every person who has told me that their violets got forgotten or overwatered while they were gone.

Number 2 is the best answer. Don't worry about watering. Reduce water usage by removing flowers. If dry air is a factor causing the violets to dry out too quickly or if you must be gone for as much as one month, enclose the plants in clear plastic bags or domes. Save energy by limiting light and adjusting temperatures. If heat is a major issue, put the violets on the lowest level possible (often that's the floor) where it will be cooler. Then leave with confidence that your violets will survive in good health.

Enjoy your trip!



Road trips don't have to cause your violets to suffer.

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Have a growing question? Feel free to contact us at the [AVSA Office!](#)

Sincerely,

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If you need a reason to take a vacation, go to [AVSA Events](#) to see what might be coming up in your area in the next few months! **Reminder to club members: be sure to get your fall events posted as soon as possible.**

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