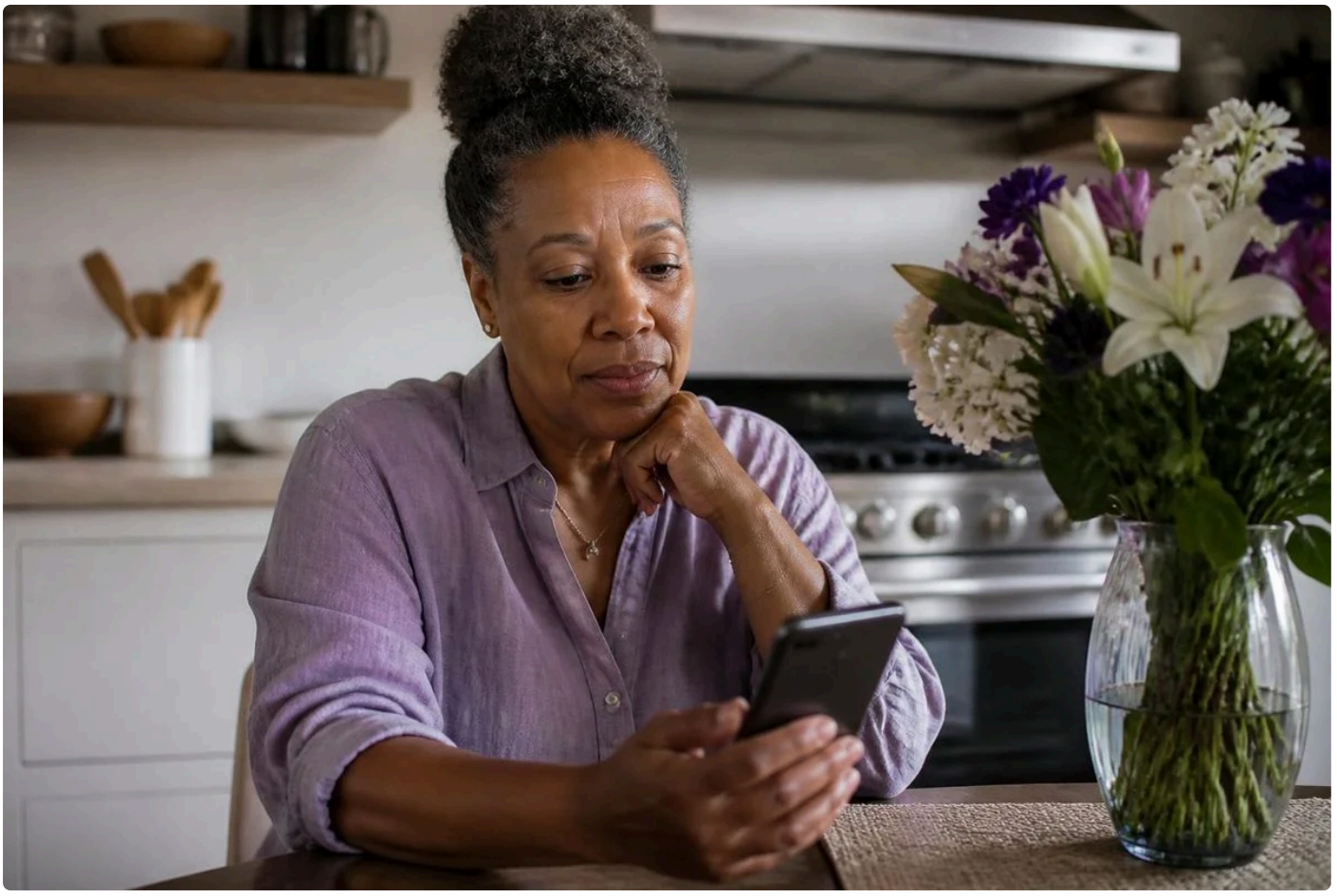

If your card expires after the flower order has been paid for, the delivery can usually go ahead as planned. If the payment has not yet been completed, the seller may need a valid card before it can send the flowers.

Check the payment status

Start with your order confirmation and your card account. Look for a completed charge, rather than assuming that an order number means the money has been collected. Some sellers take payment when you place the order, while others may authorize the card first and collect the payment later.

An authorization is a check that funds are available, not necessarily a completed payment. If the status is unclear, ask the seller directly if the order is fully paid and ready for delivery. Keep the order number handy so the seller can find it.

Understand the expiry date

A card generally remains valid through the last day of the month printed on it. For example, a card marked 08 expires at the end of August in the printed year. Check with your card issuer if you are unsure about your particular card.

The important date is usually when the seller needs to process the payment, not the day the flowers arrive. An expired card does not normally undo a payment that has already been completed. Still, check the order status if delivery is some time away or the confirmation does not say that payment was taken.

If another payment is needed

Contact the seller as soon as you can and ask how to update the payment details. You may be able to use a replacement card or another accepted payment method. A replacement card can have a new expiry date and security code, even if the card number stays the same.

Use the seller's secure payment process rather than sending card details in an ordinary email or message. Ask for confirmation once the new payment has been accepted, and check that the delivery date and address are still correct.

Allow time for an overseas order

Time zones can make a payment problem harder to resolve on the delivery day. If the flowers are going abroad, check the payment status several days ahead when possible. That gives you time to reach the seller and your card issuer if either needs more information.

Your card issuer may also review or decline a transaction it considers unusual. If a valid card is declined, ask the issuer about the transaction and then follow the seller's instructions for trying again. Do not assume the seller will retry it automatically.

Watch for changes to the order

Some changes, such as adding flowers or arranging another delivery after a missed attempt, may require an additional payment. A recurring flower order can also involve a new charge for each delivery. In those cases, an expired card may affect a later payment even if an earlier one succeeded.

Ask the seller how it handles extra charges or recurring payments, especially if your card will expire before a future delivery. Make sure your contact details are current so you can receive any payment notices.

A quick check with the seller is the safest way to know if anything still needs paying before the flowers are sent.

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