



Hardware / System Requirements

Computer

Generally speaking you do not need an expensive or elaborate computer. Any system that is less than two years old should be adequate - especially during the trial period.

If you are going to buy a new computer to run FloristWare you can get something fantastic for less than \$800. We can help you make the choice when the time comes.

Windows

To run FloristWare on Windows your system must meet the following requirements:

Hardware

Pentium III 500 MHz or higher
256 MB of RAM
CD-ROM and Disk Drive

System Software

Microsoft Windows 2000
Microsoft Windows XP (Preferred)

Mac

To run FloristWare on a Mac your system must meet the following requirements:

Hardware

Macintosh computer with PowerPC G3 processor (or higher)
256 MB of RAM
CD-ROM and Disk Drive

System Software

Mac OS X v10.3.9 or later

Please keep in mind that a faster computer makes any software run faster. If you find an older existing computer too slow a faster machine will speed things up.

Monitor

FloristWare works best on a 17" monitor. You can use a 15" monitor as long as it is capable of 1280 x 1024 pixel resolution but you will find a 17" monitor easier to work with. You can use larger monitors if you wish but the benefits do not really outweigh the added cost.

We strongly suggest that you use an LCD or other flat panel type of monitor. Space is limited in most flower shops, especially on the check-out counter, and these thin displays save you a lot of room. A 17" monitor can be purchased for less than \$300.

Printer

If you are just trying FloristWare out you can get by with an inexpensive inkjet printer - just be sure to have a spare inkjet cartridge on hand! FloristWare does a lot of printing.

When you are ready to run FloristWare full time you will need to upgrade to a laser printer. While laser printers cost more initially they are much less expensive to operate and will save you a lot of money over time. Laser printers are also faster and the ink does not smudge when wet - a real concern in flower shop!

If you want to use FloristWare to print finished enclosure cards you will likely have to invest in a second printer, or a printer with two feed trays.

Other

Cash Drawer

If you are going to use FloristWare as a cash register you will need a cash drawer. These are readily available. In fact, some florists remove and use the cash drawers that are attached to their existing cash registers. During the trial period some florists just use an inexpensive cash box.

Touch Screen Monitor (Optional)

If you have power outages with any regularity we strongly encourage you to purchase a UPS unit. They are basically battery packs that can keep your computer running if the power goes out. They're invisible in use - you just plug your computer into the UPS and the UPS into the outlet. The UPS keeps itself charged and steps in as soon as the power goes out. They're also inexpensive - less than \$200.