

Yes, you can send flowers and a treat to a remote employee as a thoughtful way to mark an occasion or show appreciation. Ask for their preferences and delivery details first so the gift is welcome, safe to enjoy, and easy to receive.

Check before you send

A home address is personal information, so do not assume that an address held by your workplace can be used for a gift. Ask the employee directly for a delivery address, or invite them to provide one through an approved workplace process.

It is also worth checking that they are comfortable receiving a delivery at home. A surprise can be lovely, but knowing that a parcel is coming helps someone plan around meetings, travel, or time away from their desk.

Ask about a suitable delivery day without feeling that you need to reveal every detail. Flowers and many treats are best received promptly rather than left outside for hours.

Choose flowers and treats with care

A modest arrangement can fit more easily on a desk or kitchen table than a large bouquet. If you know the employee likes a particular flower or color, that is a useful starting point. Otherwise, choose a simple mix and avoid making scent the main attraction, since strong fragrances can bother some people.

Food needs a little more thought. Allergies, dietary restrictions, and personal preferences can all affect what someone can enjoy. Ask rather than guess, and check the ingredient information before selecting a treat.

- Choose packaged treats with clear ingredient labels.

- Check whether fresh food needs refrigeration on arrival.
- Consider a nonfood extra if dietary needs are unclear.
- Ask about pets before choosing flowers, as some plants can be harmful to animals.

If you cannot confirm that a flower is safe around an employee's pets, choose another gift rather than rely on an assumption. A small desk item or a card can still make the gesture feel personal.

Make the delivery feel personal

Include a short note that explains the occasion. You might thank the employee for a specific contribution or acknowledge a work anniversary. A detail they will recognize makes the gift feel considered without requiring a long message.

Keep the tone appropriate to your working relationship, and avoid sharing private information on an outer package. If you are sending gifts to a team, use a consistent approach so that distance from the office does not affect who is included.

Check your workplace gift policy before ordering. It may set expectations for approvals or for how employee information can be used.

Questions about sending a remote gift

Can I send both items together?

Yes, if the delivery arrangement offers both flowers and a suitable treat. Check that each item can arrive in good condition.

What if I do not know their dietary needs?

Ask privately, or choose a nonfood gift instead. An ingredient label alone cannot tell you what the recipient can eat.

Should I tell them a gift is coming?

It is a good idea. They can confirm an address and delivery day while the contents remain a surprise.

What if they cannot receive a home delivery?

Ask whether another delivery location works, or offer a card or digital message instead.

More background: gifts from a distance