

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION DECORATION POLICY

For the preservation and enhancement of the Cemetery, the following selected policies are of special importance. In keeping with the overall plan and the religious nature of the cemetery, your cooperation is respectfully requested.

MARCH 1st - MARCH 14th SPRING CLEAN-UP

All fresh-cut flowers, artificial arrangements and/or decorations, grave blankets, wreaths, personal items, etc. everywhere in the cemetery will be removed and discarded by the cemetery during this period (if you wish to keep any of these types of items you must pick them up **before** March 1st). Items will be held for 30 days and discarded after that time if not picked up.

MARCH 15th - OCTOBER 31st THE FOLLOWING POLICIES WILL APPLY

ALL MONUMENT & MARKER SPACES

Fresh-cut or artificial saddle arrangements and fresh-cut, artificial flowers, or personal items in permanently installed cemetery approved vases are permitted during this time. Vases are available through the cemetery office. Any flower arrangement or personal item will be removed and discarded by the cemetery if they become unsightly or out of season. Permanent vases are permitted on the base of the monument or as an in-ground vase on either side or both sides of the monument or marker. Temporary vases will not be permitted. All in-ground vases should be inverted when not in use. The Cemetery will not be responsible for damage to vases unless caused by Cemetery equipment. Artificial floral arrangements, decorations and personal items may not be placed directly on the ground. PLEASE, **no** glass, ceramic or wire items. These can be extremely dangerous and will be removed if found on the grounds. Only landscaping by cemetery personnel is permitted. You may plant in front of the monument or marker (See In-Ground Plantings). No shepherd hooks or any type of metal device to hold flowerpots is permitted. No food or drink may be left at gravesites.

ETERNAL LIGHTS

Candle Eternal Lights are allowed only if they are attached to the memorial. These are available at the cemetery office. NOTE: Attached in this instance, means physically touching the headstone and must be installed by cemetery personnel. No solar or battery type landscape lights are permitted for use as an eternal light.

IN-GROUND PLANTINGS

In-ground plantings are allowed, however they must adhere to the following requirements: 1) Bedding areas should extend no further than 10" from the front of the headstone. 2) No borders or aggregate are to be used; however mulch is acceptable. 3) Mature height of plant may not exceed 18". Annuals and perennials are permitted but perennials *must* be kept in check. No bushes are allowed. IMPORTANT: 1) Unattended areas will be turned back to grass. 2) Damage caused by our equipment is inevitable as well as unavoidable and the cemetery will not be responsible for replacement of any plantings. 3) Our late fall broadleaf application will kill everything. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PERSONAL PLANTING AND DECORATION IN COMMON BEDDING AREAS AND HEDGEROWS.

ALL CRYPTS AND NICHES

Fresh-cut or artificial floral arrangements, decorations and/or personal items may be placed, provided they are in permanently installed cemetery approved vases. Fresh-cut flowers, floral arrangements, decorations and/or personal items are not to be attached in any other manner to the crypt fronts. One (1) permanently installed cemetery approved vase is permitted on single or family companion crypts. Two (2) vases are permitted on side-by-side crypts. ALL fresh-cut flowers, floral arrangements, decorations and/or personal items will be removed and discarded by the cemetery if they become unsightly or out of season. Ground vases should be inverted when not in use. During this period of time any fresh-cut flowers or arrangements, decorations and/or personal items placed directly on the ground or floor will be removed and discarded.

NOVEMBER 1st - NOVEMBER 14th
FALL CLEAN-UP

All fresh-cut flowers, artificial arrangements, decorations, and/or personal items, etc. everywhere in the cemetery will be removed and discarded by the cemetery during this period. (You must pick up any items you wish to keep **before** November 1st)

NOVEMBER 15th - FEBRUARY 28th THE FOLLOWING POLICIES WILL APPLY

ALL MONUMENT & MARKER SPACES

Fresh-cut or artificial saddle arrangements and fresh-cut, artificial flowers, or personal items are permitted. Grave blankets and wreaths, etc. are also permitted. (We recommend that permanent vases not be used during the winter months due to the possibility of damage caused by freezing and thawing.) The cemetery is not responsible for damage to vases due to freezing.

EXTERIOR CRYPTS AND NICHE

Wreaths, other floral decorations and/or personal items may be placed on the ground. (However we recommend that permanent vases not be used during the winter months due to the possibility of damage caused by freezing and cracking of the vases.) Any and all decorations and/or personal items are not to be attached in any manner to the crypt/niche fronts.

INTERIOR CRYPTS AND NICHE

Only artificial flowers, floral arrangements, decorations and/or personal items may be placed in a permanently installed cemetery approved vase. (Fresh-cut funeral flowers will be permitted up to 3 days or until they become unsightly) Any decorations or floral arrangements will be removed when they become unsightly or out of season. Decorations of any type are not to be attached in any manner to the crypt fronts.

HOLIDAYS

Easter, Mother's day, Memorial Day, Father's day and July 4th are exceptions to the spring and summer policy. Any type of non-offensive decoration and personal item may be placed the Saturday prior to the above-mentioned holidays, and will remain until the Saturday following the holiday. All items not picked up by the following Saturday will be removed and discarded by the cemetery.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Pets are permitted on cemetery grounds as long as they are on a leash and owners clean up after them.

If you are uncertain about something you wish to do, *please* contact your Family Service Advisor. We wish to avoid anything being removed and discarded that may have special meaning to you.

Cemetery decorations should be in good taste. Large decorations too many decorations, etc., can lend to others' discomfort and/or unsightly areas within the cemetery. Thousands of families are being served. While we wish we could allow everyone to do what they wish, the reality is, few would be happy if that were allowed.

CEMETERY GATE HOURS

April 1 to September 30 – 8 A.M. to 7 P.M.

October 1 to March 31 – 8 A.M. to 5 P.M.