

CEMETERY REGULATIONS – FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

1. Cemetery office personnel will be consulted and give final approval for any planting or decorating around gravesites. Live flowers in approved ring stands with clay or plastic 10” pots are the norm for Diocesan Cemeteries. We ask that no more than one ring stand is placed per grave space.
2. Please do not place ring stands, baskets, potted plants, vigil lights or vases on the inside or outside area surrounding mausoleums or cremation columbaria areas (including the walkways). Shepherd hooks of any kind are prohibited anywhere on cemetery grounds.
3. To protect visitors and cemetery workers, artificial flowers are not permitted on graves during the growing season (3/31 – 10/14).
4. Artificial flowers may be placed at gravesites from November 1st through March 31st; they are allowed on mausoleum crypts and cremation niche fronts all year round except during spring clean-up (4/1-4/15) and fall clean-up (10/15-10/31). Any items left on gravesites, crypts or niche walls will be removed and discarded unless appropriately tagged.
5. Grave blankets and wreaths are allowed on graves from 11/1 – 3/31 and must be removed by the end of March. Items remaining after that date will be removed and discarded by cemetery personnel.
6. Only approved flower vases may be placed within the cemetery and they must be installed by cemetery personnel. **Approved vases are available at the cemetery office** for gravesites and for mausoleum crypt/cremation niche fronts.
7. Vigil lights are permitted on the side or in front of the marker, at grave and lawn crypt sites only. Proper maintenance of the vigil lights is the sole responsibility of the owner. Solar powered vigil lights are allowed but must be approved by the cemetery office.
8. Potted plants that are not in ring stands are allowed on Easter, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day and will be removed seven days from the holiday; exceptions can also be made for the anniversary of death or marriage, birthdays or other special occasions but must have an “approval tag” from the cemetery office to be placed on the arrangement prior to placement.
9. Flags are permitted on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Veteran’s Day and Independence Day and should be removed within 24 hours of placement (per US Flag protocol). Flags placed at any other time will be removed without notice.
10. One statue per monument is permitted on upright monument bases ONLY and must be permanently adhered to the base. The statue must not extend beyond the base and must be approved by cemetery personnel.
11. Authorized “service animals” are permitted in the cemetery in authorized working vest; all other animals are prohibited.
12. Skateboarding, roller-blading, ice skating, cross-country skiing and any other recreational activities are strictly prohibited.
13. All burials, placement of markers and other cemetery work must be performed by authorized cemetery personnel and/or contractors expressly employed by the Diocese. Due to insurance provisions, we cannot allow power tools, cleaning agents or any other chemical-based products to be used in the cemetery by our visitors. Please notify cemetery personnel of anything needing attention.
14. To avoid having your items removed and/or discarded, please observe cemetery regulations and be sure to ask if you’re uncertain whether or not something is allowed. Personnel will make every effort to tag prohibited items and give you time to remove it; however, we reserve the right to enforce the rules to keep the cemetery grounds from being unsafe or unattractive, in a manner that does not infringe upon adjacent spaces or creates a situation which may be offensive to other families with adjacent spaces.

THE CEMETERIES ARE OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK FROM DAWN UNTIL DUSK; OFFICE HOURS MAY VARY. PLEASE CHECK WITH CEMETERY OFFICE PERSONNEL WITH QUESTIONS, CONCERNS OR TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT.