



GUIDELINES & POLICIES FOR LOT DECORATIONS

For the protection of the rights of interment for all concerned, help maintain the aesthetic qualities of the grounds and ensure the safety of all visitors to the Cemetery and the maintenance staff in the performance of their perpetual maintenance duties the following guidelines will be enforced:

BEGINNING IN THE SPRING OF 2023, ALL OF THESE RULES WILL BE IN FULL AFFECT AT SPRING CLEANUP AND ENFORCED!!!

UNFORTUNATELY, YEARS OF LENIENCY ARE NO LONGER GOING TO EXIST, DUE TO EQUIPMENT BEING DAMAGED, SOME NOT FOLLOWING ANY OF THE GUIDELINES, ETC. THIS HAS BECOME NECESSARY TO ENFORCE FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL VISITING AS WELL AS THOSE WORKING.

- 1. Due to the extreme safety hazard presented to the maintenance staff in the performance of their duties and to visitors in The Cemetery, and to further insure the aesthetic qualities of the entire Cemetery, the following items are prohibited from use: stones, marble chips, edging materials, fencing, statues, figurines, “knick-knacks”, toys, inflatable dolls, balloons, stuffed dolls, glass or ceramic items, glass or plastic globes / vigil lights / vases, banners and flags mounted on metal shafts, hanging flower baskets on metal shafts, and like items.**
- 2. All flower planting and the placing of floral tributes is restricted to an area **immediately in front of the memorial** located **at the head end of the burial site** in a bed of flowers no wider than 12” from the base of the memorial and no longer than the length of the memorial. Please refer to lot diagrams on the reverse of this page.**
- 3. With the exception of lots that contain two adjacent rows of burial sites any planting done or the placing of tributes at the rear of the memorial is actually on the lot of another and therefore prohibited without exception.**
- 4. No decoration/tribute is permitted to be larger than the memorial. In the absence of a memorial the maximum size of a decoration/tribute is 24” in height X 24” in length.**
- 5. The planting of trees, shrubs, bushes, and other perennial type plant material is prohibited.**
- 6. Only the U. S. Flag placed on the burial site of a Veteran or an approved flag of a recognized fraternal organization or other national flag are permitted. The maximum size must not exceed 18” left to right X 12” top to bottom, attached to a wooden staff no longer than 32” in height. **ALL to be placed at the head of burial site.****
- 7. As The Cemetery is by intent and design a place of permanency so too must all memorials be permanent in nature. **Therefore, every memorial must be constructed of bronze and/or granite materials and installed on a Cemetery approved, poured in place, solid mass concrete foundation. Temporary markers of any design and construction are prohibited.****
- 8. The Cemetery has absolute management of the landscape and contour of the lots and natural grass is the only ground cover permitted.**

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10. The Cemetery will **conduct two clean-ups** during the year: once in the spring and once in the fall. At these times all “non-seasonal” decorations / tributes will be removed. Signs will be posted at each entrance to The Cemetery advertising the days these clean-ups will occur. **SPRING is FIRST FULL 2 FULL WEEKS IN MARCH, FALL is FIRST 2 FULL WEEKS OF SEPTEMBER.**
11. Any item, planted or placed, that does not conform to these guidelines, impedes maintenance, intrudes upon the rights of others, creates an unsafe working environment or detracts from the overall aesthetic qualities of the Cemetery grounds will be removed without prior notice.
12. Section “6” is by intent and design an “estate lot” section. Accordingly, the division of a lot is not permitted.
13. **The spreading of cremated remains is strictly prohibited.** All cremated remains must be appropriately buried in a suitable container pursuant to the standard method of burial of cremated remains by the staff of The Washington Cemetery. All necessary documentation must be presented before burial can take place.
14. *Because it is impossible to take into consideration every situation and every conceivable type of decoration, the Cemetery reserves the right to modify, add to, delete, or change these rules and regulations as deemed appropriate and necessary in the best interest of The Cemetery and its lot owners.*

THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN ADVANCE!

Sincerely,

**Kevin D. Scott
Superintendent**