



Cemetery Guidelines and Cleaning Schedule

For questions, please contact our office at 510-471-3363

GUIDELINES:

1. Artificial and fresh cut flowers are permitted.
2. Seasonal décor are permitted seven days prior to and after a holiday (see cemetery rules).
3. Flags are permitted with a maximum of 12 inches of height.
4. Respectful picnicking is permitted. (BBQs and Canopies are not permitted).
5. Grave borders, fences and/or hedges are permitted but not to exceed 12 inches in height and must stay within the boundaries of the plot.
6. Mausoleum décor will only be allowed within approved vases and 1/3 of the total surface area.
7. Glass and/or metallic décor are not permitted.
8. Consumption of alcohol within Chapel of the Chimes property is not permitted.
9. Music at disruptive volumes is not permitted.

CEMETERY CLEANING SCHEDULE:

- In order to maintain cemetery appearance and safety, Chapel of the Chimes will remove all decorations biannually. First cleaning will take place September 7th, 8th and 9th.
- Gardens will be cleaned the first week of March and the first week of September.
- Mausoleums will be cleaned the third week of March and third week of September.
- Items not in accordance with cemetery guidelines will be removed by cemetery staff.
- Please allow cleaning to be completed before replacing items.

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS.

1. Graves:

- a. Grave decorations and floral arrangements may be removed if in the opinion of the Cemetery the items are insensitive or offensive to other Owner(s) or visitors or if they are deemed to be a safety or health concern. The Cemetery shall not be responsible for missing grave decorations or floral arrangements.
- b. Fresh or artificial flowers in approved lawn vases are welcomed at all times. Cut flowers are only permitted in the vase of the granite or bronze lawn-level marker. Except for designated holiday periods all floral arrangements and decorations are removed from graves per the designated Cemetery schedule (see Cemetery office for removal schedule.) The Cemetery reserves the right to remove any and all flowers, artificial or fresh, when, in its determination, they have become soiled, faded, or their appearance warrants such removal. Designated infant gardens will be excluded from the removal policy. Removal of floral arrangements within designated infant gardens will be conducted as they become unsightly.
- c. Funeral flowers will be removed (3) three days following the committal service.
- d. Potted plants, wreaths and other decorations, except fresh or artificial flowers placed in approved vases, are only permitted during the designated Holidays listed below.
New Years Day, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Veteran's Day, Easter, Father's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas.
These decorations may be placed (7) seven days prior to the Holiday and should be removed by the family within (7) seven days of the Holiday if they are desired to be retained. Cemetery personnel will begin removing and disposing of these items on the (8) eighth day following the Holiday. Any decorations, potted plants and other grave decorations which are on the grave other than during the Holiday periods listed above will be removed and disposed of by Cemetery personnel.
- e. Grave borders, fences and/or hedges are permitted but not to exceed 12 inches in height and must stay within the boundaries of the plot.
- f. The placement of souvenirs, wreaths, non-approved flags, boxes, toys, metal designs, ornaments, chairs, glass and similar articles upon lots shall not be permitted at any time. No shells, stones, pebbles, etc. may be used to decorate graves or plots. No glass jars, bottles, tin cans, crockery or earthenware pots are permitted. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove any of these items if so placed. The placement of toys in designated infant gardens will be allowed and the removal of such items will be at which time they become unsightly or are deemed a safety hazard.
- g. National flags no greater than 12" in total length will be allowed at all times.

2. Mausoleums and Columbaria:

- a. For mausoleum crypts and columbarium niches, fresh cut and artificial flowers are allowed at all times in approved vases. Potted and/or seasonal plants may only be placed in designated areas and may not be placed on floors or walkways within a mausoleum or other structure. As a courtesy to others, please limit the size of floral arrangements so that they do not encroach on adjoining crypts and niches. Funeral flowers will be removed (3) three days following the committal service.
- b. The Cemetery welcomes the personalization of interment spaces. The personalization of mausoleum crypts and columbarium niches shall not take up more than 1/3 (one third) of the total surface area of a granite or marble front. All items placed must be within a 6" border of the outer edge of the mausoleum or niche front. In placing articles no adhesive material other than standard scotch type tape will be permitted
- c. All floral arrangements and decorations will be removed from mausoleum crypts and columbarium niches on a twice annual basis.
- d. Any planting, decoration or other object(s) placed on or above a crypt or niche shall be removed, when in the judgment of the Cemetery such action is warranted and in the best interests of the Cemetery.
- e. The Cemetery shall not be responsible for any discoloration to the marble crypt fronts from floral arrangements