



- Artificial flowers/plants in a vase or ornaments are allowed on the grounds from November 1st to March 1st.
- Do not mow or use any power equipment.
- No spading the surface, altering the grade or excavating of the earth.
- Do not apply any herbicides or pesticides.
- Fresh flowers may be placed on graves or in *metal* or *bronze* vases.
- Please refrain from planting or leaving flower arrangements during the cemetery's spring maintenance period (March 15-April 30) as they will interfere with the growth of grass seed and maintenance equipment.

Cemetery will remove decorations that have become withered or unsightly. ***Flowers placed for a funeral will be removed by the cemetery on the day of interment.*** Should you wish to preserve some of the flowers or decorations, we ask that you do so at the time of the service.



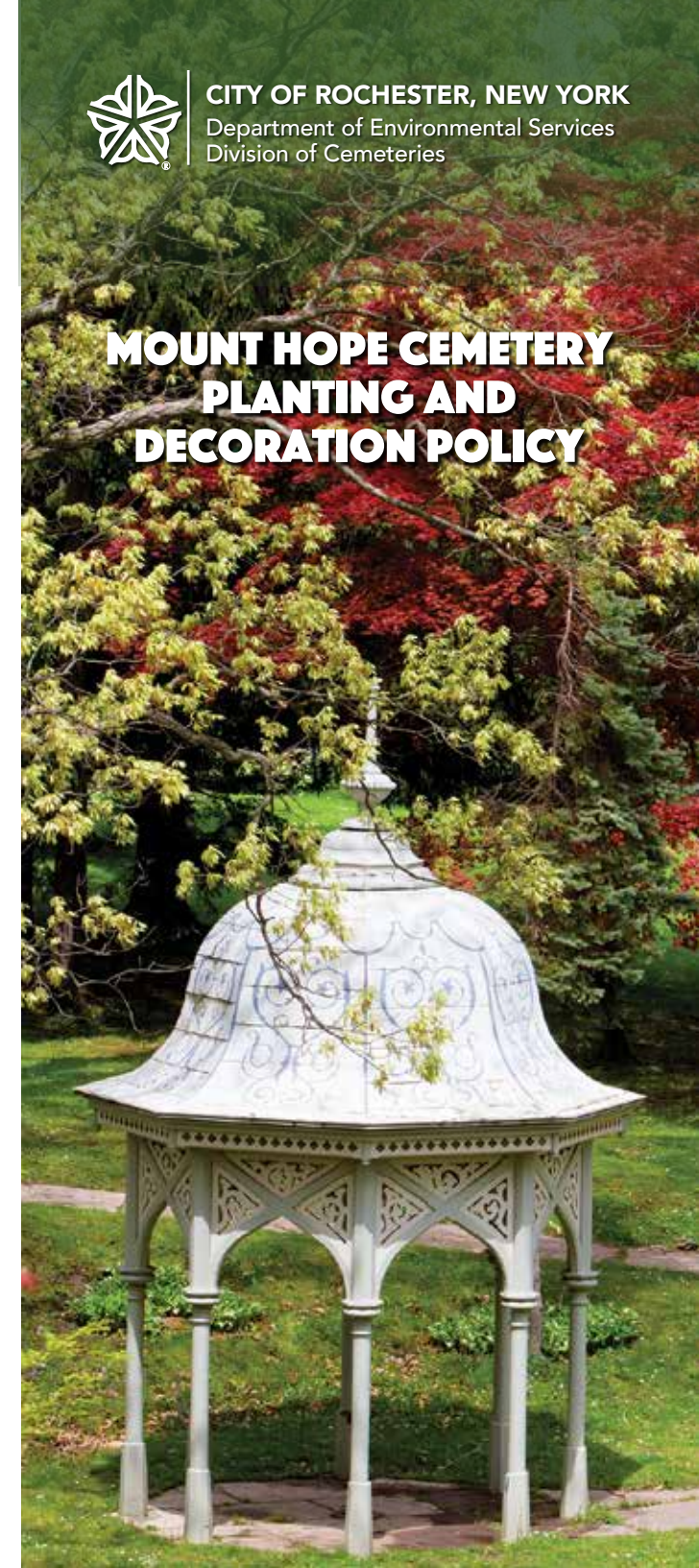
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## MOUNT HOPE CEMETERY PLANTING AND DECORATION POLICY





**T**o Our Clients, Families & Visitors:  
Our cemetery rules and regulations are designed for the protection, development and preservation of the natural beauty of the grounds. They are necessary to protect the safety, rights and privacy of all our lot holders, visitors and staff. We politely ask for your cooperation in preserving the beauty, tradition and dignity of Mount Hope Cemetery.

**The adoption of these rules and regulations are in accordance with the Code of the City of Rochester 43-12.**

### **Policy for Mount Hope Cemetery Grounds**

Keeping Mount Hope Cemetery beautiful and serene depends upon all visitors to follow a few guidelines. These guidelines are given for the safety of our workers and visitors alike because power mowers and trimmers are in operation.

- Home-made memorials are not permitted – Only monuments, headstones and/or markers made of granite or bronze are permitted.
- The use of pieces of wire, iron or steel to secure decorations in place is prohibited.
- Toys (except children’s section), shells, ornaments, bottles, vases, glass of any kind, wood or iron cases, plastic blocks, Styrofoam, LED lights, tin cans, shepherd hooks, solar lights, plaques, wind chimes, balloons, fencing, pinwheels, homemade crosses, flags larger than 12”x18”inches, statues, trellis, wire, dinnerware, live candles, mulch, wood chips and crushed stones *are not permitted.*
- *Temporary grave markers will be removed 30 days after interment or sooner if they pose a safety hazard to cemetery maintenance staff and their equipment. Mount Hope Cemetery is not responsible for any damaged made to them.*
- The cemetery is not responsible for the loss or damage of items left in memorial.
- Mount Hope reserves the right, without notice, to remove and dispose of any decorations which violates the rules or otherwise interferes with the appearance or the safe efficient grounds operations of the cemetery. Also, the cemetery reserves the right

to manage the planting as part of its annual maintenance and landscaping plans.

### **Columbarium Decorations Policy**

- No object of any kind may be affixed to the niche front, with the exception of a vase.
- The cemetery is not responsible for any loss, damage or stolen items.
- One vase is allowed per niche panel.
- Please do not tape any items on the walls of the columbaria because they damage the panel.



### **Planting Regulations**

Planting is limited to the front of the headstone and should not exceed 12 inches from the headstone/marker unless the arrangement overlaps onto a grave of the same family plot.

The following is not allowed:

- No shrubbery, bushes or trees may be planted.
- Do not plant beyond the planting limits. (12” from the front and sides of the headstone/marker)