Cemetery Decoration & Planting Policy

In order to maintain the cemetery in a manner that you can be proud of, we have established regulations concerning the decoration of graves, mausoleum spaces and columbarium niches.
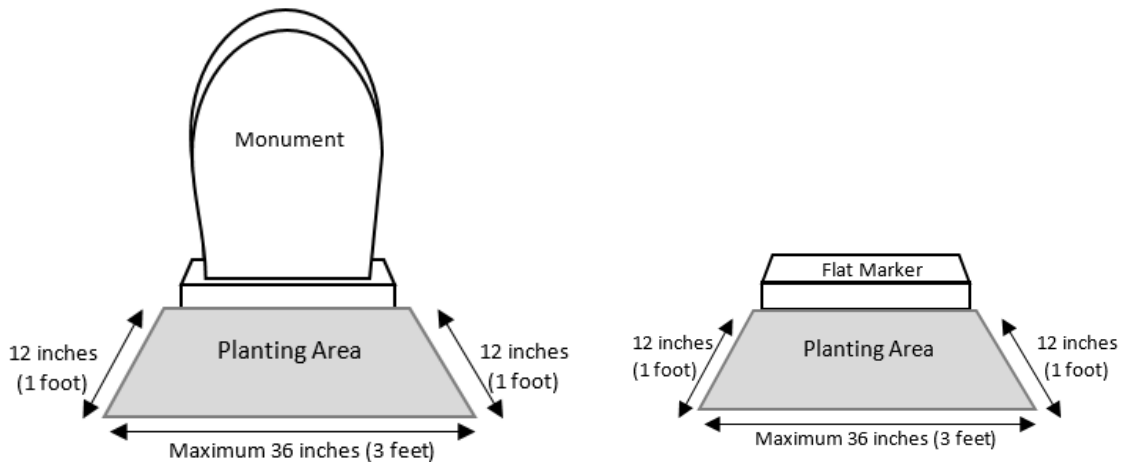
These regulations are to ensure the beauty of the cemetery and the safety of visitors and our groundskeeper staff. General guidelines are provided below.

GROWING SEASON

MAY 1ST – OCTOBER 31ST

ONLY FRESH OR NATURAL PLANTS AND FLOWERS ARE PERMITTED. ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS/DECORATIONS ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING THE GROWING SEASON AS THEY IMPEDE MAINTENANCE DURING THIS TIME. PLEASE REFRAIN FROM PLANTING DURING OUR SPRING MAINTENANCE SEASON FROM MARCH 15TH TO APRIL 30TH.

PLANTING AREA – ALL decorations and plantings (including those listed below) must remain within the planting area – that is, the area 12" in front of the memorial and within the width of the memorial. Please refrain from digging into the turf in other areas, as this will result in an unsightly appearance of the plot/grave when plantings/decorations are removed.

ANNUAL PLANTS – may be planted directly in front of the memorial only and within the Planting Area as noted above. Families must provide regular care of plantings. The Cemetery will remove such plantings should they become unsightly. We recommend deer-resistant flowers and plants.

PERENNIAL PLANTS – are also permitted but must remain within the width of the memorial and no greater than 12" out from the memorial. NOTE: Should you wish to plant perennials, please consider their placement with respect to other annual plants which also must remain within the planting area. We recommend deer-resistant flowers and plants.

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NATURAL-CUT FLOWERS – are permitted in approved vases of either papier-mâché' or temporary pin/cone type. Permanent vases are not unless previously approved. Such vases are subject to damage and may cause injury to visitors or workers during trimming activities.

POTTED PLANTS – are permitted in pots not exceeding 10 inches in diameter and maximum of 24 inches in height, to be placed within the Planting Area. Plants will be removed when they become withered or unsightly.

PLOT-HOLDERS – are responsible for maintaining and trimming their plantings. Plantings which exceed size restrictions and become overgrown or unsightly are subject to removal without notice.

NON-GROWING SEASON

NOVEMBER 1ST – MARCH 1ST

DECORATIONS FOR THE NON-GROWING SEASON SHOULD NORMALLY BE CONSIDERED FOR THE LATE FALL AND EARLY WINTER WHEN WEATHER AND GROUND CONDITIONS ARE LESS SEVERE. DECORATIONS DURING THE MAJOR PART OF THE WINTER ARE DISCOURAGED BECAUSE THEY ARE SUBJECT TO CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE FROM WEATHER CONDITIONS.

PLANTING AREA – see Planting Area under Growing Season.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS – are permitted in approved temporary vases, or on easels or stands. Artificial decorations should be placed in the Planting Area only and should not exceed the width of the memorial.

ARTIFICIAL/SPRUCE WREATHS – are permitted on easels or stands and which are placed within the Planting Area. Recommended size suitable for Cemetery decoration is 17" to 24" in diameter. To avoid damage to the memorial, please refrain from adhering or fastening decorations to the memorial.

SPRUCE PILLOWS – are permitted to a maximum size of 2' X 3' (24" X 36"). Spruce Pillows are to be placed in front of the memorial and not placed over the center of the grave.

EVERGREEN BLANKETS are permitted. They are to be placed in front of the memorial and not over the center of the grave. They are not to exceed the length of the grave.

PERMANENT VASES – are no longer permitted except for those that have been previously approved. Permanent vases installed in years past must be inverted by November 2nd to prevent damage due to weather conditions and for safety reasons.

The Cemetery accepts no responsibility for flowers, decorations or other items placed on graves. The City and/or the Cemetery do not take responsibility for any accident or injury occurred while on cemetery property.