

# **GRAVE DECORATIONS**

## **Evergreen and Memorial Gardens Cemeteries**

The following rules minimize interference with gravesite maintenance activities and help preserve the general aesthetics of the cemeteries.

**Fences or hedges** are not permitted on or around any gravesite.

**Uneven surfaces** or permanent objects such as mounds, berms, bricks, rocks, etc. are not permitted.

**Solar lights** may be placed in the ground only if immediately adjacent to an above-ground monument (not adjacent to a lawn-level marker). They may also be placed off the ground in an urn or flowerpot. To preserve the dignity of the cemetery, flashing or otherwise active lights will be removed.

**Live flowers and small decorative live greenery** (not to include shrubs, arborvitae, etc.) may be planted in the ground immediately adjacent to a monument or marker, preferably to the right or left.

**Christmas wreaths and decorations** are allowed starting November 15<sup>th</sup> and must be removed no later than April 1<sup>st</sup>, after which they will be discarded. Other holiday/seasonal decor will be allowed two weeks before the holiday to two weeks after. Items left outside this period will be disposed of.

**Live or artificial flowers and decorative greenery** kept in a large, permanent flowerpot on the ground, in an urn on a stand, or hanging from a shepherd's hook are permitted year-round. They must be immediately adjacent to the left or right side of a monument or marker. Standard shepherd's hooks are for hanging plants, only, and are not to be decorated in any way. Items left hanging on shepherd's hooks after Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> will be discarded. **Flowerpots must be maintained in an attractive manner** and used for their intended purpose or they will be subject to removal and disposal.

**Artificial flowers and decorative greenery, and objects such as toys or personal belongings** may be temporarily placed on a gravesite during the period commencing the day before Mother's Day (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in May) through the day after Father's Day (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in June). Items left on a gravesite outside this period will be disposed of by cemetery staff.

**Glass items are not allowed** in the cemeteries and will be immediately removed and discarded.

**Items attached to trees or hanging from bushes** are not permitted.

**One flag-holder or official metallic tablet** of the Grand Army of the Republic, or other similar organizations whose membership is limited to those who served in the military forces of the U.S.A., will be permitted upon a grave. See the Rules & Regulations brochure for more details on these and other non-military insignia.

**One small U.S. flag** in good condition no larger than 8 x 12 inches with a maximum 24 inch staff is permitted per individual grave. Faded or tattered flags will be removed.

**Only one grave decoration (including urn stands) per individual grave is allowed.**

We appreciate your help in keeping our cemeteries clean and beautiful.

*Thank you!*

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