

CEDAR HILL CEMETERY

DECORATION POLICY

At Cedar Hill Cemetery, we know that surviving families will have the desire to decorate the gravesites of a loved one. It is our responsibility to maintain the cemetery in a dignified and orderly manner. Sometimes, the desire or need to personalize a grave with decorations may conflict with our need to manage the grounds. Cedar Hill Cemetery regulates the use of grave decorations to ensure the efficient maintenance of the cemetery and to provide a safe environment for employees and visitors.

Decoration Rules for Grounds

1. Annual flowers may be planted within 8" from the front of a monument from April 1st – October 31st. All other plantings are prohibited and can be removed without notice.
2. On holidays that fall between April 1st – October 31st (Easter, Mother's Day, birthday, etc.), cut flowers may be placed on graves 3 days prior to the holiday. Cut flowers must be removed 7 days after the holiday or they can be removed by our staff.
3. Mulch may be placed 8" from the front of a monument year-round. Mulch may not be placed on the side of monuments or behind monuments.
4. Artificial flowers are only permitted year-round in permanently attached vases on upright monuments.
5. Artificial/fresh flower saddles are permitted year-round on top of upright monuments.
6. Artificial decorations placed on the base of upright monuments that do not extend beyond the monument are permitted year-round.
7. American flags, military flags, and military flag holders (available in office) are permitted year-round. Faded, soiled, or tattered flags will be removed at the discretion of the Cemetery.
8. Artificial decorations are NOT permitted to be placed on/in the ground from April 1st – October 31st. Artificial decorations placed on/in the ground create maintenance obstacles and are a safety hazard, for our staff and the general public. If any of the items listed below are picked up or hit by maintenance equipment they can travel great distances, possibly injuring someone, damaging properties, or damaging maintenance equipment. Artificial items include but are not limited to:
 - Plastic, silk, or wired flowers.
 - Bricks, rocks, pavers, fences, rebar, or landscape material (prohibited year-round).
 - Glass containers, alcohol, or food.
 - Tobacco or lighters.
 - Wreaths, grave blankets, etc.
 - Lights, porcelain, glass, metal, concrete or wooden objects.
 - Clothing, hats, sunglasses, etc.
9. Artificial decorations are permitted to be placed on/in the ground from November 1st – March 31st.
10. Borders, such as, bricks, rocks, pavers, fences, rebar, and landscape materials are prohibited year-round. The use of these items pose maintenance obstacles and safety issues. If any these items are picked up or hit by maintenance equipment, they can injure someone, damage properties, or damage maintenance equipment.
11. The only borders permitted year-round are 12-gauge stainless steel borders or 14-gauge powder coated steel borders if written permission is granted from the office. Approved borders can only be installed flush with the ground, spanning the width of the monument, and 8 inches out from the front of the monument. Additional guidelines and permission slips are available in the office. We are NOT responsible for any damaged borders. If unapproved borders are installed, they can be removed without notice. All other decoration rules must be followed within approved borders. Only live flowers are permitted inside of

borders from April 1st – October 31st. Artificial decorations are permitted inside of borders from November 1st – March 31st.

12. All temporary grave markers need to be approved by the office. The office will provide customers with written consent. Temporary grave markers need to be removed one (1) year after the internment. While temporary grave markers are placed, all other decoration rules must be followed. Please visit the office if an extension on a temporary grave marker is needed.
13. Funeral flowers can be removed 7 days after the service.

Grave sites not in compliance with the decoration policy will be tagged beginning March 1st. Decoration clean-up will begin April 1st. If April 1st falls on a weekend, clean-up will begin the following business day. Any items removed will be kept at the cemetery for 30 days for pick up. After 30 days, any items left will be discarded. We reserve the right to remove any and all prohibited plantings and decorations. When placing any item out in the cemetery, you are placing it at your own risk. We are NOT responsible for any items broken, stolen, or removed by our staff.

Following recent policy changes, Cedar Hill Cemetery recognizes that there are decorations that do not adhere to the decoration policy. The cemetery is meeting with lot owners to discuss policy enforcement as maintenance issues arise

Decoration Rules for Indoor Mausoleum:

1. Artificial decorations are allowed year-round as long as they do not interfere with adjacent crypt or niche fronts.
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Decoration Rules for Warden-Kelley Cremation Garden:

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Decoration Rules for Chapel of Trees Mausoleum:

1. Only bronze crypt or niche front vases are recognized as approved cemetery vases. They are designed to hold artificial flower arrangements and are located so flower arrangements will not

- interfere with adjacent crypt or niche fronts. Vases are available for sale in the office. Vases are installed by the Cemetery.
2. Artificial decorations in Cemetery approved vases are permitted year-round.
 3. Flags may be placed in Cemetery approved vases. Faded, soiled, or tattered flags will be removed at the discretion of the Cemetery.
 4. Prohibited arrangements will be removed and disposed of.
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