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Decorating & Planting Policy

Green Lawn's planting and decorating policy allows a great deal of latitude for the decorating of individual graves and lots while striving to ensure a consistently safe and tasteful environment for all of our lot owners and visitors. The policy is also designed to allow for a safe environment for our employees to efficiently complete the maintenance of the cemetery. There are both General Rules as well as rules that are specific to each type of lot or mausoleum location. We ask that anyone who will be decorating a lot or crypts become familiar with the policy related to that lot and respect the rules as outlined. The following is a copy of the Planting & Decorating Policy, which is also available at the cemetery's administration building.

GENERAL RULES

- Only grass may be planted on top of the grave.
- Burial flowers will be left on the grave for one week after the burial.
- Shepherds hooks and other décor that may create a safety hazard are not allowed and will be removed immediately.
- Glass vases, bottles, stone chips, fencing, lot enclosures, or any other edging materials are not permitted around monuments, markers or cemetery lots.
- Nothing will be attached to any tree or other feature.
- Decorations with batteries or solar batteries or that light up at night are not permitted.
- Plantings that encroach on adjacent lots may be trimmed or removed by cemetery personnel.
- No balloons are allowed to be released or left on gravesites - balloons and similar items that may blow into the tree tops will be removed immediately.
- Flowers or plants that have become unsightly will be removed.
- Clean up dates will be January 31st, April 31st, July 31st, and November 15th annually. The cemetery reserves the right to clean up any time displays are unsightly or unsafe.
- No toys, lawn ornaments, or frivolous decorations are permitted.
- Decorations not specifically allowed on the lot types below are not permitted.
- Cemetery management may amend rules & regulations as deemed necessary for public safety and grounds maintenance.

LOTS WITH INDIVIDUAL MARKERS THAT ARE FLUSH WITH THE GROUND

- Permanent adornments and plantings are not allowed on flush marker lots.
- An in ground vase as part of a marker installation will be permitted. However, flowers may be removed and vase put in vase holder for grass mowing.
- A flag in a bronze flag holder will be permitted provided it does not interfere with the mowing & trimming of the section.

LOTS WITH INDIVIDUAL MARKERS THAT ARE RAISED ABOVE THE GROUND

- Flower planting (no shrubs) between markers is allowed only when the same person owns two or more consecutive spaces. Planting is permitted between those spaces, but will be removed if not maintained. All planting should be in a prepared bed and maintained by the lot owner or it may be trimmed during the course of regular maintenance.
- Potted plants in disposable containers are allowed, but will be removed when wilted.
- A flag in a bronze flag holder will be permitted provided it does not interfere with the mowing & trimming of the section.

LOTS WITH TWO-GRAVES AND UPRIGHT MONUMENTS

- Flowers may be planted at the front and ends of the monument only. The bed cannot extend more than 18" from the monument. No fences or edging material will be permitted. Flowers may be removed if not maintained.
- A flag in a bronze flag holder will be permitted provided it does not interfere with the mowing & trimming of the section.

LOTS WITH THREE OR MORE GRAVES AND UPRIGHT MONUMENTS

- Shrubs and small ornamental tree plantings are permitted but species and location must be approved by the Grounds Superintendent prior to planting. Any shrub or tree that encroaches on another lot may be removed, and any species on the banned species list will be removed.
- Flowers may be planted at the front and ends of the monument only. The bed cannot extend more than 18" from the monument. No fences or edging material will be permitted.
- A flag in a bronze flag holder will be permitted the same as on other sections.

CHAPEL MAUSOLEUM

- All crypt & niche lettering will be installed by cemetery personnel to insure uniformity. Only cemetery approved vases and emblems are allowed on crypt & niche fronts.
- At no time will double-faced tape, any type of adhesive or stickers be allowed on crypt or niche fronts.
- Fresh cut flowers in a vase and potted plants are permitted on flower tables supplied by Green Lawn but will be removed when they become unsightly.
- Burial flowers will be removed when they become unsightly.
- During the winter, holiday decorations are allowed beginning November 1st and will be removed and disposed of beginning January 31st, or sooner if they become unsightly.

GARDEN MAUSOLEUMS

- All crypt & niche lettering will be installed by cemetery personnel to insure uniformity.
- Only cemetery approved vases and emblems are allowed on crypt & niche fronts.
- At no time will double-faced tape, any type of adhesive or stickers be allowed on crypt or niche fronts.
- No glass containers are allowed at any time.
- Fresh cut flowers and holiday arrangements are permitted, but will be removed when they become unsightly.
- No permanent pots, planters, plant stands, or vases are allowed for reasons of access and safety.

SEE ALSO: Planting Policy