TIPPECANOE
MEMORY GARDENS

DECORATION RULES & REGULATIONS

Our regulations take into account the appearance of the park and the safety of our visitors and staff. We do not immediately discard non-conforming decorations. We place the item in our service area for the family to pick up. However, because of the large number of decorations, any item that has been taken off a grave or crypt and has not been retrieved by the family within 30 days of removal will be discarded.

Things to remember:

- Put the lot number and name of your loved one on your decoration(s)
- Styrofoam blocks to hold flowers in bronze vases are available from the cemetery office at no charge
- It is not recommended to place keepsakes or valuable items as decorations
- Do not use containers weighing over 10 pounds
- Do not dig holes in the ground for containers, plants, or other items
- Do not use glass or Styrofoam decorations
- Do not use metal stakes, wire, or rods to secure decorations
- Do not use a hammer to secure decorations
- Do not put rocks in the container for weight
- Do not dig around markers to expose edges
- Do not place stones around the edges of a marker
- Do not plant flowers or shrubbery in the ground
- Do not use an inverted vase in the winter months
- The cemetery is not responsible for lost or stolen items

<u>March 1-November 1: Growing Season</u>

- Each grave will be allowed two (2) decorations. These may be:
  - A potted plant
  - A flag with a staff, or a flag placed in a container with a non-removable spike or wire to secure it
  - A floral arrangement in a non-breakable container
- Holiday exceptions: Additional decorations are allowed one week before and one week after Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day. Please pick up your additional decorations within the week following the holiday, as we will remove all but the two allowed at this time.
- All decorations are required to be placed in a vase during the growing season.
- No decorations are to be attached to the vase or memorial or sitting on the memorial.
- Decorations that are falling apart or become unsightly will be removed.
- Veterans' flags are permitted in the vase. Flags will be removed when torn, weathered, or faded.
- Wreaths, wooden crosses, and Shepherd Hooks are not permitted during this time.

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November 1-November 15: Fall Clean Up

- All decorations are removed and disposed of, and the vases are turned down.
- It is recommended that the vase stay down for the winter months due to freezing. The cemetery is not responsible for frozen vases.
- Those who wish to keep their decorations should have them removed by November 1.

November 1-March 1: Non-Growing Season

- Wreaths and evergreen grave blankets are allowed during this period.
- Grave blankets can be ordered at the cemetery office.
- The grave blankets might be removed before March 1, as warm weather can cause the grass underneath to die.
- If you want to keep any extra decorations on the blankets, please remove them by February 1.

Spring Clean Up: March 1-March 15

- All winter decorations will be removed and disposed of, and the vases turned down.
- Those who wish to keep their decorations should have them removed by March 1.

VASE POLICY

Ground Vases

- The cemetery is not responsible for missing, stolen, or damaged vases due to vandalism.
- The cemetery is not responsible for vases that are cracked due to winter freezing.
- The cemetery will replace vases damaged by mowers and other equipment at no cost to the owner.
- No vases, flowers, or decorations of any kind are permitted in the Community Cremation Garden, except bronze butterflies.

Mausoleum Vases

- The cemetery is not responsible for missing, stolen, or damaged vases due to vandalism.
- The cemetery is not responsible for damaged vases resulting from hanging heavy objects from the vases, which were not designed to handle such items as wreaths, crosses, and other large decorations.

Replacements

- Vases can be purchased at the cemetery office on an (at-cost) basis for replacements.
- The patron's homeowner's insurance may cover stolen vases.

Thank you for your help in keeping our cemetery beautiful.

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