Rules & Regulations

FOR GRAVE & MAUSOLEUM DECORATIONS



MOUNT HOPE

Cemetery ▪ Funeral Chapel ▪ Reception Center

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A cemetery provides an eternal resting place for family and friends to visit loved ones. Out of respect for those who have passed and to provide a peaceful setting for visitors, Mount Hope Cemetery has established guidelines for grave and mausoleum decorations.

Your cooperation in meeting the following regulations is very much appreciated and will keep the cemetery grounds beautiful and safe for all.

APPROVED DECORATIONS

Flowers, both live and artificial, and flags placed in cemetery-approved vases are permitted at any time.



Example of cemetery-approved vase

MAUSOLEUM DECORATIONS

Artificial flowers and flags placed in cemetery-approved vases are permitted at any time. Fresh flowers or items that do not fit in the cemetery-approved vase may be placed on memorial benches.





Examples of cemetery-approved vases in mausoleum

HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

Approved decorations may be placed one week prior to the following holidays and will be removed one week following the holiday or the next business day:

- New Year's Day
- Valentine's Day
- Easter
- Memorial Day
- Mother's Day
- Father's Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day*

*Approved decorations for the Christmas holiday may be placed beginning Thanksgiving Day. Wreaths, evergreen blankets and small Christmas trees in permanent vases are approved for the Christmas holiday.



YEAR-ROUND REGULATIONS

- Sentimental and heirloom items are important keepsakes for your family. Because of their significance, we **do not** recommend placing them in the cemetery due to the risk of theft or removal. The cemetery is open to the public and accepts no liability for these items.

- Glass or ceramic vases and jars, and decorations above three (3) feet in height, are not permitted at any time.

YEAR-ROUND REGULATIONS

- Decorative shells, rocks, toys, statues, wire fences, vigil lights and similar objects are unsafe and not permitted at any time. Mowing and trimming are not permitted except by cemetery personnel.

- Any non-approved decorations, or decorations not placed in permanent vases, will be removed so as not to interfere with ground maintenance.

- Flowers that have wilted, become unsightly or are no longer attractive, may be removed at the sole discretion of the cemetery.

- Any decorations deemed by the cemetery to be in violation of the regulations will be removed and discarded without notice to the owner. The cemetery assumes no liability to owners for removing and discarding these items.

ALL CEMETERY CLEAN-UP DAYS

To beautify and maintain the cemetery, all cemetery clean-up days will take place **March 1** and **November 15** or the next business day. All decorations will be removed, including items in permanent vases. Empty vases may be turned down for safety. If you wish to keep your decorations, please remove them prior to those days. Please allow a minimum of five (5) days before returning decorations to approved vases after a clean-up day.