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St. Charles Memorial Gardens encourages the use of floral tributes. The beauty and continuity of the cemetery depends on the cooperative efforts of all families who have loved ones entrusted in our care. Therefore, we ask that you adhere to some equitable standards in regard to decorations.

## THE FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIC RULES COVERING REQUIREMENTS & ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

#### **Wreaths and Grave Blankets**

Wreaths and evergreen grave blankets are permitted after Thanksgiving Day and may be ordered through our Flower and Gift Shop. They will be removed January 12, 2024, weather permitting. We are not responsible for these items if they become missing from the grave; replacement requests will be at the cost of the lot owner.

#### **Approved Containers & Decorations**

*Graves with memorial markers WITH bronze vase:* Flowers and/or shepherd's hook IN the vase

*Graves with NO marker and/or NO bronze vase:* Temporary plastic vase at the head of the grave with flowers and/or single shepherd's hook IN the vase.

Only one arrangement per grave space is allowed (exception: see "Garden of the Little Angels").

#### **Approved Floral Arrangements**

Fresh-cut flowers or artificial flowers made of silk, polyethylene, or similar material are permitted year round. However, they will be removed when, in the judgement of the grounds staff, they are unsightly. All arrangements must be within a vase or hang from a single shepherd's hook (see Approved Containers & Decorations Allowed).

#### Approved Shepherd's Hook

A single shepherd's hook is allowed with a maximum height of 37 inches. Double hooks are not allowed.

#### **Garden of the Little Angels**

Because permanent bronze vases are not permitted in this Garden, one arrangement in a plastic vase and one other permissible item may be placed in a temporary plastic vase or on a single shepherd's hook on each grave. Permissible items are not allowed to be placed on the ground. All other decoration regulations apply.

#### **Special Day Floral Arrangements**

One additional permissible arrangement is permitted on Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day. The additional arrangements will be permitted to remain for seven days, after which time they will be removed by our grounds staff. Anniversary and Birthday arrangements must be labeled with a seven day "special day tag" which is available in our Flower and Gift Shop. U.S. flags outside the vase are permitted one week before and after Memorial Day.

# Decoration Requirements

8:30 AM — 4:30 PM Monday — Saturday (636) 946-6935 • Baue.com

#### **ITEMS NOT PERMITTED**

- Hanging items
- Plantings
- Unsecured decorations placed on the grave instead of within an approved vase or shepherd's hook
- Yard Signs, Mailboxes, Holiday Caricatures
- · Arrangements that will not fit in the approved vase or shepherd's hook
- Heavy, weighted objects which could damage the bronze vases which hold flowers
- Replacement costs will be the responsibility of the family
- Arrangements that encroach upon another family's grave space or crypt
- · Ceramic & Glass items are prohibited

#### **Temporary Grave Markers**

Temporary grave markers designed and ordered by cemetery personnel at the request of the family are allowed until the permanent bronze memorial is installed or for a period of six months from the interment date, whichever occurs first; then the temporary marker will be removed. No other grave markings are allowed.

#### **Private Mausoleums**

Private mausoleum owners have purchased the right for additional decorations and plantings immediately around their mausoleums. Expensive or breakable arrangements are discouraged, and it is understood that we are not responsible for the safety of these items. All permanent plantings (perennials, evergreens, trees, or bushes) must be approved by the Grounds Superintendent. The family/mausoleum owner is responsible for the care of any annual flowers planted.

While we do everything in our power to protect personal property placed in the cemetery, St. Charles Memorial Gardens is not responsible for any decorations that become damaged, misplaced, stolen, etc., & have no control over seasonal changes affecting grass growth & appearance.

Due to the absence of lighting features, and in consideration of the safety of our guests, the Cemetery closes for property owners and visitors at dusk.

Scan with your Smart Phone Camera or visit scmemorialgardens.com/services/submit-a-service-request to ensure your loved one's final resting place is properly cared for.



## **Holiday Clean-Up Days**

In order to maintain the grounds to the highest standards for all, the grounds staff will completely clear all grave spaces and mausoleums of grave blankets, wreaths, and holiday items over the following dates:

#### January 8-12, 2024

Vases and shepherd's hooks are not disturbed. Artificial items removed by January 12, 2024 will be available for family pick up at the Maintenance Building grounds inside the gate from 7 am to 2pm daily for two months.

### **General Clean-Up Days**

Grounds staff will completely clear the entire cemetery including the mausoleums of all decorations and shepherd's hooks on the following dates:

#### March 11-15, 2024 • September 9-13, 2024

Arrangements frozen in vases will be removed when they thaw. Floral arrangements that are removed during March and September clean-up days are not saved; shepherd's hooks pulled are available for family pick up at the Maintenance Building grounds from 7am to 2pm.



## May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 **Veterans Memorial Program**

For over 60 years on Memorial Day weekend, we pay Honor and Tribute to our Country's Veterans who, for many, made the ultimate sacrifice so we could enjoy our many freedoms. We encourage you, your family, and friends to be in attendance for our picnic, activities, and program. This event is completely free and open to the public.

## **Private Estates Available Now!**





St. Charles Memorial Gardens is proud to Introduce our Newest Cremation Memorialization Feature! Exclusive niches around a beautiful fountain with bronze butterfly enhancements.



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