

Sunset Park Memorial Gardens

Cemetery Decoration & Grounds Regulations

Effective March 15, 2026

These Regulations are adopted for the mutual protection of all families and to preserve the beauty, safety, dignity, and uniform appearance of the cemetery grounds.

Mowing Season Enforcement: March 15 – November 15

Rules are strictly enforced during mowing season to allow for safe and efficient grounds maintenance. All items not in compliance will be removed without notice.

Flowers & Decorations

- All flowers (fresh or artificial) and decorations (signs, solar lights, shepherd hook not exceeding 36" in height, flags, ect.) must be placed in an approved cemetery or monument -issued vase.
- No flowers, arrangements, or decorative items may be placed directly into the ground or on the grass.
- If an item is not inside an approved vase, it will be removed.

Decorations must not interfere with mowing, trimming, or grounds maintenance operations.

Not Permitted at Any Time

The following items are prohibited throughout the cemetery:

- Artificial flowers placed directly into the ground
- Glass, ceramic, or breakable containers
- Statues, figurines, toys, balloons, or pinwheels
- Lanterns, solar lights, vigil lights, or battery-operated devices placed directly into the ground
- Shepherd hooks over 36" in height, yard signs, flag poles, or flag holders placed directly into the ground
- Loose decorations placed on the grass
- Rock borders, edging, mulch, gravel, or artificial turf
- Planting live flowers, shrubs, trees, or any vegetation
- Hanging, attaching, or suspending decorations from trees, shrubs, or landscaping
- Fencing or barriers of any kind

Items placed outside approved vases or within surrounding lawn or landscaped areas will be removed without notice.

Mausoleum & Columbarium

- All flowers and decorations must be placed in approved vases only.
- Adhesives, hooks, tape, wire, fasteners, or attached items of any kind are not permitted.
- No decorations may be affixed to crypt fronts, niches, bronze plaque, or surrounding structures.

Funeral Flowers

- Funeral arrangements will generally remain for 7 to 14 days, depending on condition and weather.
- Families wishing to retain arrangements should remove them promptly following services.
- After this period, arrangements will be removed as part of routine grounds maintenance.

Holiday Season Exception

November 20 – January 30

- During the holiday season, artificial arrangements such as Christmas trees not exceeding 30" tall, wreaths, or sprays may be placed on graves.
- All holiday decorations must be removed by January 30. Items remaining after this date will be removed without notice.

Grounds Care

- Fresh interments will be seeded and strawed as needed.
- Routine fire ant control is provided throughout the cemetery.
- The cemetery maintains all turf and landscaping to ensure a uniform and dignified appearance.

Families are not permitted to alter, modify, or maintain landscaping in any manner.

Sunset Park assumes no responsibility for personal property left on gravesites. Due to the open environment of the cemetery, the cemetery cannot prevent theft, vandalism, or damage caused by weather or natural conditions. Anyone caught stealing or vandalizing property within the cemetery will be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.