# MOUNT HOPE MEMORIAL GARDENS

# **Cemetery Decoration Policy**

<u>Clean up:</u> The cemetery has two scheduled clean ups per year when ALL decorations will be removed. <u>Spring Clean-Up:</u> March 1<sup>st</sup> – March 15<sup>th</sup> (Weather permitting) <u>Fall Clean-Up:</u> November 1<sup>st</sup> – November 15<sup>th</sup> (Weather permitting)

#### **Flowers**

One arrangement of fresh or artificial flowers is allowed per burial space. All decorations must be contained in a bronze vase or cone case container. (Complimentary cone vases are provided for your convenience from April through October in the Cemetery Office)

Potted plants are allowed for special occasions and holidays. They will be allowed to be left on the burial space for up to one week.

#### **Plantings**

The Planting of an annual personal flower bed is allowed in a designated area of the burial space and in a specific size and shape. The soil will be prepared for you and requires a \$35 preparation fee. Maintenance, including regular watering is to be done by purchaser. All flower beds must be removed by October 1<sup>st</sup> or by the first frost, whichever occurs first.

#### **Flags**

Flags must be placed in a vase container. An exception to this rule is made for Veterans Day, Memorials Day, and all other recognized Veterans holidays. The flags will be permitted for two days before and after each of those holidays.

## **Grave Blankets and Wreaths**

Winter grave blankets and wreaths (not purchased though the cemetery) are allowed for placement after the Fall Clean-Up (approximately November 15<sup>th</sup>) and must have a removal tag. Removal tags are available at the main office.

## **Mausoleums**

Fresh flowers are not permitted inside the mausoleums (except for day of entombment). Fresh cut or artificial are allowed on the outside of the building. No tape, stickers, or wires are allowed on the crypt fronts.

#### **Seeding of New Burials**

The settling of a new burial is a four to six-week process. Depending on the type of soil and the amount of rainfall, the settling time may vary. Once the new burial has settled below ground level, dirt, top soil, and seed will be added to complete the burial.

In order to provide professional lawn maintenance, the following ARE NOT ALLOWED: Glass containers, wires, rocks (stones), edging, fencing, statues, sculptures, solar lights, balloons, lawn ornaments, woodchips, and perennials. Anything left on the grave that is not allowed will be discarded.

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9:00A.M. - 4:30P.M Saturday 9:00A.M. - 3:00P.M. Sunday by Appointment

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