



MT. CALVARY & GETHSEMANI CATHOLIC FUNERAL SERVICES

Decoration of Interment Spaces

Effective July 1, 2019

General -

1. Plantings and maintenance - Only the Cemetery may plant and maintain or authorize maintenance and plantings of landscape materials on cemetery grounds. The Cemetery further reserves the right to remove, prune or replace any landscape materials as it deems necessary.
2. No flower receptacles may be placed on any plot, crypt or niche unless approved in advance by the Cemetery.
3. Fresh flowers may be placed on graves at any time.
4. Glass decorations and/or vases are prohibited on, or around any interment space at all times.
5. The Cemetery shall have the authority to remove all flowers, photographs, souvenirs, potted plants, wreaths or herbage of any kind from the cemetery or mausoleum as soon as, in the judgment of the Director or designee, they become unsightly or are detrimental, or when they do not conform to the Rules and Regulations of the Cemetery.

Grounds and Graves -

6. No wires, pins, artificial, dyed or preserved flowers, photographs, souvenirs, wreaths or decorations other than fresh flowers are allowed on any grave except during holidays designated by the Cemetery.
7. Potted plants with a container of more than six inches in diameter are strictly forbidden.
8. No more than two permanent flower receptacles may be placed on any grave.
9. All decorations will generally be removed 5 to 7 working days after a designated holiday during the spring, summer and fall months and 10 to 14 days after a designated holiday in winter months. Christmas and New Year's decorations may be removed one week after the Baptism of our Lord, which is one week after the Sunday following January 6. During the mowing season, the decoration removal can include any decorations placed the week after a holiday if, due to moderate weather, staff is unable to differentiate recently placed flowers from holiday decorations. Flags may be picked up as soon as the following day after the Memorial Day Holiday.

Mausoleums and Niches -

10. Themed artificial flower arrangements and artificial holiday decorations placed in the mausoleum such as artificial wreaths, artificial poinsettias, flags, etc. will be removed at the same designated time periods as for graves as outlined in # 9 above.
11. **Only artificial flowers are allowed in the Indoor Mausoleum** – this decision was made due to ongoing issues with insect infestations and odors caused by fresh flowers and vase water. Plastic flowers that are of a naturally occurring color may be placed on crypts or niches at any time in vases provided and/or approved by the cemetery. Due to the permanent nature of plastic flower arrangements, the cemetery has the right to remove plastic flowers if, in the judgment of the Director or designee, are unsightly or are detrimental.
12. Placement of photographs (not in an approved frame), souvenirs, cards or other items on crypt or niche are prohibited except during holidays. **Use of any kind of adhesive on crypt or niches fronts is prohibited.** Personal memorialization items of any kind on mausoleum or niche wall floors or sidewalks are strictly forbidden. Flower arrangements from recent funeral services are allowed at the discretion of cemetery staff except for glass or breakable vases.