

DECORATIONS IN THE GROWING SEASON April 1 through October 15

Ground Burials

Temporary, container plants are permitted in 6-inch to 10-inch plastic pots.

Containers of other sizes, as well as containers constructed of breakable materials such as metal, crockery or glass will be removed as they pose a safety risk for visitors and staff. Plantings are permitted in boxes that do not exceed 18 inches in length and 6 ½ inches in width. These size limits to the container are strictly enforced, since large boxes are difficult to move and replace in the normal operations of the Cemetery. Only planting boxes made of plastic or wood are permitted for use; boxes made of metal, crockery, glass or other breakable materials will be removed. All pots and planting boxes should be set on the ground and not dug into the turf. Such holes create hazards to visitors and an unsightly appearance.

The Cemetery will not accept responsibility for damage to a memorial during lawn mowing operations, due to such problems. Pots and planting boxes should be set in front of and close to the memorial.

Mausoleum Lots and Private Estate Lots

The same rules apply to mausoleum lots and private estates as mentioned above for Ground Burials. In addition, if planters are part of the mausoleum structure they may be planted. Plantings will remain as long as they are cared for.

Memorial Gardens

Cut flowers will be removed during weekly maintenance or earlier depending on appearance. Potted plants will be treated as cut flowers in the Memorial Garden and removed on our weekly maintenance days. Areas within the Memorial Garden may be cleared for appearance when too many decorations exist in one area.

DECORATIONS IN THE NON-GROWING SEASON November through February

Ground Burials

Artificial wreaths of less than 36 inches in diameter, set on stands or easels, are permitted. These may not incorporate Styrofoam in their construction, as this material is prone to severe damage during the winter. Wreaths should be set on stands or easels, tied down to the evergreen grave blanket or fastened to the family monument. Arrangements may be made with the cemetery staff for evergreen grave coverings to be placed upon the grave site for an optional charge. Artificial flowers in approved temporary vases, pots or boxes are subject to the same material and size limitations governing growing season decorations.

Upright, permanent lawn vases where already installed should not be used during the non-growing season, because they are subject to damage from the elements and winter operations. All such vases should be inverted by October 15.

Memorial Gardens

Because of the limited space in the Memorial Gardens winter grave decorations are limited. 12 inch or smaller wreaths are allowed, but may be removed if too many decorations exist in any one area subject to the cemetery staff's discretion. As a courtesy to fellow families, please limit the size of any one decoration during this season.

CEMETERY SEASONAL CLEANUP

Spring Cemetery Clean-Up

The staff prepares the Cemetery grounds for spring during the month of March. All fall and winter decorations are removed as soon after March 1st as weather permits. Those who wish to save any decoration or stand should remove it prior to March 1.

CEMETERY SEASONAL CLEANUP (Continued)

Fall Cemetery Clean-Up

Beginning October 15, the staff prepares the Cemetery for winter. All summer decorations are removed at this time. Those who wish to save any decoration or container should remove it prior to October 15. The period from October 15 through November 30 is the time when the Cemetery staff collects leaves. Please limit new decorations at this time.

Due to the nature of maintenance operations, the staff cannot guarantee that decorations will not be damaged or lost.

Since thousands of people visit the Cemetery each year, it is very difficult to control the activity of every visitor or to guarantee that decorations will not be damaged or lost.

Please contact the Cemetery office at (847) 615-4341 with any questions regarding grave decorations.

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Cemetery Sexton
Phillip Alderks



LAKE FOREST CEMETERY

GUIDELINES FOR CEMETERY DECORATIONS

Cemetery Visitor's Hours

OCTOBER to APRIL

8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

MAY to SEPTEMBER

8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Vehicles

Speed limit is 15 miles per hour
Parking on Cemetery drive only

No pets allowed

Effective May 2001

INTRODUCTION

The goal of the Cemetery Commission and staff is to provide a place of dignity and respect for all those who are buried here.

Family, friends, and visitors are kindly asked to observe the following guidelines in order that the beauty, tranquility and dignity of the place may be maintained. These regulations have been designed to provide for the safety of visitors and staff and help to keep Cemetery operational costs at a reasonable level.

VISITORS

The cemetery is open to visitors everyday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. between May and September and from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. between October and April. Visitors may park on the cemetery drive, but parking is not permitted on the grass. Since thousands of people visit the cemetery each year, it is difficult to control the activity of every visitor or to prevent decorations from being damaged or lost.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

In order to secure the safety of visitors and staff and to prevent damage to family memorials, visitors are asked to abide by the following regulations. All forms of decoration not specifically permitted will be removed. This includes unauthorized trees, shrubs, and groundcovers as well as all glass, crockery, Styrofoam, statuary, toys, cans, ornaments, and similar items. Flowers and decorations will be removed when they become unsightly.

DECORATIONS

Flags and Veterans' Day emblems may be placed on graves only on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veterans Day. They may be placed up to three days prior to the event; after that, staff will remove them during regular maintenance activities. Suitable decorations and organization standards are permitted year-round, except in Section E where they are not permitted during the mowing season.

Cut flowers may be placed at the gravesite for the funeral services. Following this time, cut flowers may be laid upon the marker or monument, placed in permanent lawn vases that are installed below ground level, or put in approved plastic temporary pin-type vases that are available from local florists. The use of jars, bottles, cans, etc. is not permitted. A permanent lawn vase may be purchased from the Cemetery office.

MEMORIAL GARDENS

Temporary flags may be placed on the ground before niches only on Memorial Day, Independence Day, and Veteran's Day.

ARTIFICIAL DECORATIONS

Artificial decorations of any kind are not permitted during the growing season for safety reasons. Due to safety concerns, all plastic decorations (including mementos), metal work (stands, boxes, pots, etc.), and decorative stones are prohibited. Stripping a border of sod around a grave and/or outlining graves or memorials with metal frames, plastic landscape borders, or crushed stone is not allowed.

PLANTINGS

MONUMENT LOTS

No new or replacement permanent private plantings (trees or shrubs) are permitted.

Licensees who have above ground memorials are allowed a planting bed 18 inches to each side of the base of the monument and extending 18 inches to the front of the monument. Licensees are allowed to plant annual flowers or perennials that can be cut back to the ground in the fall prior to fall leaf clean up. No plantings are allowed next to individual grave markers.

Questions regarding appropriate plant material should be directed to the Cemetery office prior to planting. Annual flower planting can also be arranged through the Cemetery. Please contact the office to arrange this service. The licensee is responsible for all care.

Plantings that were existent prior to 2001 have been grandfathered and may remain provided they are properly maintained and do not overhang the borders of the lot on which they are planted or obscure the memorial. No plant may exceed 5 feet in height and no private plantings may be placed behind the memorial. Should the plants die, no new or replacement plantings are allowed.

The licensee is responsible for the care of all private plantings. Plantings must be pruned by hand, nor sheared, in order to retain the size allowed. If plantings are considered unsightly, the Cemetery staff without notification to the licensee will remove them. The Cemetery Commission and staff are not responsible for existing

plantings that may be removed during the course of normal cemetery operations.

MAUSOLEUM LOTS and PRIVATE ESTATE LOTS

New or replacement plantings on mausoleum lots and private estate lots must have a design plan consistent with the new master plan and be approved by the Cemetery Commission prior to any installation. An endowed care fund must also be established to maintain such plantings.

Plantings that were in existence prior to 2001 have been grandfathered and may remain provided they are properly maintained and do not overhang the borders of the lot on which they are planted or obscure the memorial. Maintenance of the private plantings is the responsibility of the licensee, unless an endowed care fund exists. If these plantings are considered unsightly or require special maintenance care that might be hazardous to the Cemetery staff, the staff will remove them without notification to the licensee.

For Mausoleum and Private Estate Lots sold after May 1, 2003 all landscaping will be designed and installed by the Cemetery consistent with the master plan.

Section E

Plantings are not permitted in Section E or alongside individual grave markers in other Cemetery sections. The Cemetery Commission and staff are not responsible for existing plantings that may be removed during the course of operations.

Memorial Gardens

No private plantings are allowed in the Memorial Gardens.