

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

The official regulations covering both the Churchyard Cemetery and Countryside Cemetery can be obtained through the Parish Office. However, for your convenience the seasonal regulations are listed below:

Decorations Permitted (April 1st-November 1st):

Natural flowers in the ground vases

Vases must be installed so that no portion is above lawn level to minimize damage. Vases must be purchased and installed by a monument company. Vases should not be left upright all season with artificial flowers in them. Vases should only be used in the winter months for special occasions. During snow falls and harsh conditions they can become damaged during internments or when snow is being plowed. This cemetery will not take responsibility for damage to them.

Monument plantings in Churchyard Cemetery

Annual plants may be planted in front of raised monuments in the Churchyard Cemetery only. Plantings not to exceed width of monument or 10 inches depth in front of monument. You cannot plant behind the monument or to the side of it. Woody perennials such as: trees, bushes or evergreens are NOT permitted. They will be removed and disposed of. All plants will be cut to the turf after November 1st. Brackets that attach to the headstone for the flower boxes are prohibited.

Flags and Veterans Emblems

No Grave Blankets or grave covering of any kind are permitted.

Plantings

No plantings whatsoever allowed in Countryside Cemetery. No planting other than monument planting allowed in Churchyard Cemetery as specified. Grave and marker plantings are prohibited because they present severe obstruction to the best lawn maintenance.

Permanent Upright Vases

Permanent type upright vases are both damage prone and expensive to replace or repair when damaged. They are not allowed in either of our parish cemeteries.

Artificial Flowers

Prohibited in any form during the growing season.

Miscellaneous Decorations

Stands, boxes, pots, shepherd hooks, glass, statuary, decoration stones, markers, border edgings, wind chimes, bird houses and candles are strictly prohibited. These restrictions are necessary for safety reasons. Any of these objects can be harmful to the people maintaining our cemeteries as well as visitors.

PLEASE NOTE: PLEASE DO NOT USE MORE THAN ONE APPROVED DECORATION AT A TIME

Spring and Fall Cemetery Clean Up

March 1st-15th and November 1st-15th are reserved to clean up the grounds and prepare the cemetery for the spring and winter seasons. All decorations will be removed and disposed of at this time. If you wish to save your decoration, please remove it before March 1st and before November 1st. Please do not place any decorations in the cemetery during these clean up times as we cannot be held responsible if it is removed.

During the Christmas season only wreath displays on wire stands are acceptable. NO grave blankets or grave coverings are allowed. Christmas decorations should not be displayed before December 1st and they will be removed during spring clean-up. If you want to keep your decorations for annual use you must remove it before March 1st or they will be discarded without notice.

Reverence and Respect

Catholic Cemeteries are holy places. These sacred grounds are blessed by the Church and are dedicated as a place of prayer and dignity for our faithful departed.

Please maintain a quiet reverence and respect for the other people visiting the graves of loved ones by abiding by the following:

- Proper attire must be worn at all times
- Proper behavior must be shown at all times
- No driving on the grass
- No alcoholic beverages
- No picnics
- No pets or walking of pets in the cemetery