

Floral/Adornment Policy

David's Cemetery recognizes the importance of memorializing your loved ones through floral tributes. As such, your cemetery has established the following set of guidelines and recommendations in an effort to maintain the picturesque appearance of your cemetery.

The cemetery is designed to be as natural as possible, utilizing the topography and climate conditions as the basis for permanent maintenance of the cemetery. The Board of Trustees reserves the right through its personnel to remove any plant, vase, artificial or natural floral design, or any other object detrimental to the general daily maintenance of the cemetery. No planting of a permanent nature will be allowed, except as authorized by the Board of Trustees. Natural growth of plantings requires special attention by the personnel of the cemetery, to assure conformity with the natural beauty of the cemetery. Some types of shrubbery become unsightly with age and shall be removed by cemetery personnel when the planting detracts from the beauty of the cemetery or causes interruption of the use of mechanical equipment. For natural plantings authorized by the Board of Trustees a permit fee will be charged for the extra maintenance required.

The areas *north* of the office have shrubs and perennials by some graves that were planted many years ago. If, and when, shrubs and perennials die or become unsightly they will be removed. Replacements or future plantings are not permitted.

The areas **south** of the office are to be maintained as follows:

<u>Flat Marker Areas</u>- *Nothing* may be planted in or around the grave space or the marker. You may place a potted flower <u>on</u> the marker.

Monument Areas- Annuals may be planted in the ground 6" to 8" in front of the monument (nothing on the sides) and the area must be mulched and kept weed free by the person/s responsible for the plantings. Potted flowers are also permitted 6" to 8" in front of the monument (nothing on the sides). No bushes, shrub or shrubbery of any kind are permitted (these are considered perennials and are not allowed).

<u>Mausoleums</u>- *Nothing* may be attached to any crypt or niche at any time. Flowers/Arrangements/Adornments may be placed on the tables provided in the mausoleums. These flowers/arrangements/adornments must be maintained by the families but will be disposed of when they become unsightly.

<u>Columbariums</u>- Flowers/Arrangements/Adornments of any kind are NOT permitted (per the signed agreement upon purchase). David's Cemetery maintains planters/landscaping in and around the columbarium.

Please refrain from using artificial flowers in the ground or in pots during the growing season.

Artificial decorations will be permitted only during the winter season from December 1 through February 28, and will be removed by cemetery personnel during any other time.

The following items are NOT permitted at anytime, anywhere in your cemetery:

Plastic Flowers
Shepherd Hooks/Decorative Flags or Banners
Balloons
Glass Items

Anything Worn, Torn or Broken
Wind Chimes
Articles made of concrete – urns, benches, boxes, etc.

It has been our disheartening experience that some members of the public do not respect the sanctity of your cemetery. We strongly urge that NOTHING of sentimental value be brought to the cemetery, and we suggest placing names on all pots and saddles placed at the grave sites.

"Housecleaning/Clean-up" occurs twice a year; each spring (the last day in February through March 15th) and the day after Thanksgiving-ALL DECORATIONS WILL BE REMOVED. Christmas decorations (either artificial or natural) are allowed from December 1st to January 31st. In addition, the week after Memorial Day all unsightly and unnatural (plastic, styrofoam, etc.) decorations will be removed.

Contact our office for information on the David's Cemetery Christmas Wreath Program.

David's Cemetery will not be responsible for any flower, arrangement or adornment.

David's Cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of any flower, arrangement or adornment which interferes with the appearance or operation of David's Cemetery.

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