

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY RULES FOR OUTDOOR DECORATIONS

To maintain cemetery grounds in a manner befitting the memory of loved ones, as well as to ensure visitor and employee safety, compliance with the following guidelines will be appreciated.

1. Fresh cut flowers are welcome at any time if they are placed in appropriate, self-supporting containers built into the monument or its base. When flowers become unsightly, the cemetery staff will remove them. Sub-surface vases, those that can be inverted in the ground when not in use, are recommended for visitor's convenience, general appearance and safety.
2. Artificial flowers and potted plants may be placed on four "Special Days", (Easter Sunday, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day) and any time between November 1 and February 28. Families should pick up artificial flowers, potted plants or vases and other decorations within one week after each "Special Day". All winter decorations should be picked up during the first week of March, to enable spring cemetery preparations.
3. Glass containers and wire pins, as well as holes in the sod to hold containers, potted plants or vases, are not permitted because they constitute potential safety hazards to cemetery visitors and workers.
4. Decorations should be placed close to memorials so that visitors and employees do not trip over them.
5. Flags may be placed Memorial Day through Flag Day. Flags left after Flag Day will be removed by cemetery staff to allow grass cutting.
6. Families should take responsibility for decorations to avoid removal and loss.
7. Decorations, pictures, votive lights, artificial lights, urns and statues may not be placed or planted on cemetery grounds because they present safety hazards to pedestrians and employees and/or do not conform to established cemetery guidelines.
8. The cemetery reserves the right to remove decorations that have deteriorated, along with decorations that do not meet these guidelines, to maintain the beauty, dignity and safety of the cemetery.
9. The cemetery cannot be responsible for decorations, plants, vases, etc, left on the grounds. Decorations left after specified times will be removed by cemetery staff.

Questions concerning these guidelines should be directed to the St. Joseph Parish Office located at 210 W 13th Street or by calling 785-625-7356.