

Dear Friend:

When you buy property at Olivewood Memorial Park, an important part of our responsibility is the maintenance of the grounds to assure long lasting beauty and cleanliness. Many man-hours are spent in keeping the cemetery in the condition everyone likes to see and your help is important in helping us maintain this pleasant appearance.

Flowers are a fitting symbol of life in all its beauty and are the embodiment of our hope for eternal life. The use of nature's flowers is an eloquent testimony of love and respect and is a beautiful and effective memorialization.

Artificial flowers, treated blossoms, and other decorations are man-made and can never provide the same symbolism. As they become dirty and unsightly, they create an impression of neglect, rather than remembrance, and become a costly maintenance problem when they are not picked up. Artificial arrangements also create a hazard during mowing as they may be blown or sucked out of their containers by the mowing or trimming machines. The wire stems become potentially dangerous projectiles when hurled through the air by the machines and can cause injuries to persons nearby, including the employees operating machines.

For those reasons, artificial flowers, treated flowers, and decorations are not permitted for placement on the grounds with the exception of the mausoleums and columbarium. Regular maintenance of the mausoleums, columbarium and grounds is done weekly. Flowers and decorations will be removed at that time.

Memorial property may be decorated only with cut flowers in regulation vases below ground and/or potted plants of one-gallon size or smaller placed on the headstone. The practice of digging holes in the lawn in which to place flowers, potted plants, and other decorations, is not allowed. The practice of using wire (coat hangers) to keep flowers and/or plants upright will not be allowed as this is a dangerous procedure as people can be injured by broken pieces of wire. The practice of placing flowers in a glass flower vase is not allowed, the vase may fall and break leaving glass fragments in the grass and surrounding area.

Special decorations and holiday flowers are allowed for the holidays of Valentine's Day, Easter, Mothers Day, Memorial Day, Fathers Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will post the decoration dates at each entrance.

We respectfully insist that these regulations be observed. Additional questions you may have regarding them will be answered at the office. We thank you for your co-operation.

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Decoration of Plots

Rule 10-a Floral Regulations. No flower receptacles may be placed on any plot, or in the mausoleum or columbarium, unless approved by the management and they shall be of approved size and design, and, in the case of outdoor areas, set wholly beneath the level of the lawn. Only fresh cut flowers shall be placed in said receptacle. Such receptacles may be purchased from and placed by the park. The cemetery shall have the authority to remove all floral designs, natural or artificial, flowers, potted plants larger than one gallon, weeds, trees, shrubs, plants or herbage of any kind from the cemetery as soon as, in the judgement of the management, they became unsightly, dangerous, detrimental or diseased, or when they do not conform to the standards maintained. ***The park reserves the right to assign a certain day of the week for maintenance, whereas all flowers and decorations will be removed and discarded.*** The park shall not be liable for lost, misplaced or broken flower vases. Nor shall the park be responsible for plants, herbage or plantings of any kind damaged by the elements, thieves, vandals, or by other causes beyond its control. The management reserves the right to prevent the removal of any flowers, floral designs, trees, shrubs or plants, or herbage of any kind, unless it gives its consent.

Rule 10-b Removal of Floral Frames. Floral frames when removed from the plot site, unless called for within five days by those lawfully entitled to them, may be disposed of in any manner.

Rule 10-c Certain Ornaments Prohibited. The placing of food, boxes, shells, toys, flags, wrought iron designs, ornaments – glass, ceramic or plastic, balloons, ribbons, party decorations, chairs, benches, settees, decorative borders, vases, wood or iron crosses, and similar articles, upon plots or affixed to trees shall not be permitted, and, if so placed, the park may remove the same. The placing of potted plants, one gallon or smaller shall be placed on the headstone so as not to kill the grass.

Rule 10-d Certain Ornaments Prohibited in Mausoleum and Columbarium. Artificial dyed or preserved flowers, photographs, souvenirs, wreaths, or flags or other emblems are prohibited in the mausoleum or columbarium. If individual plot owners place such items they may be removed.