

ST. MICHAEL'S CEMETERY

Founded in 1888



POLICY & GUIDELINES

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Lord Jesus Christ

*by your own three days in the tomb,
you hallowed the graves of all who believe in you
and so made the grave a sign of hope
that promise of resurrection
even as it claims our mortal bodies.*

*Grant that our brothers and sisters may sleep here
in peace until you awaken them to glory,
for you are the resurrection and the life.
Then they will see you face to face
and in your light will see light
and know the splendor of God for you live and
reign for ever and ever.*

Amen.

(prayer of the blessing of graves)

To Our Lot Holders and Visitors

This leaflet has been prepared so you will be aware of our planting and grave decoration policy and guidelines. They are designed for the protection of our lot holders and provide for uniformity of planting to develop the beauty of our grounds and respect the rights of other lot holders.

While we all cannot agree on what is proper and allowable, the Cemetery Committee has tried to establish the fairest set of rules for all situations and to enforce them uniformly. They are not in any way intended to restrain you unduly but rather to define an orderly plan of planting, care and maintenance.

Your cooperation in complying with these policy and guidelines will go a long way to preserve the beauty and dignity of St. Michael's Cemetery.

Regulations For Cemetery Decorations

No artificial flowers or ornaments are allowed. This is a safety regulation, as the risk of sharp objects being picked up by a mower blade is real. These could be hurled through the air and strike either a cemetery worker or visitor to the grounds.

For the same reason, the placing of crushed stone, wood chips and shells on graves is strictly prohibited. These will be removed by the cemetery and disposed of.

Fresh flowers may be placed on graves in metal vases only. Potted plants are not to exceed 12" in diameter. **WARNING** - glass containers can not be used whether above or below ground. This is a serious safety hazard to all concerned.

It is your responsibility to remove decorations that have become withered or unsightly. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove them to maintain appearance of the grounds.

Funeral flowers will be removed by the Cemetery.

Please place trash in the receptacles provided.

No shrubs, bushes or trees may be planted on lots or graves. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove these so the area conforms to the beautification plans for the grounds.

General Rules

Lot holders are asked to refrain from cutting or fertilizing the grass on graves. This well intended help often conflicts with regular Cemetery care and has resulted in weed growth and unattractive lawn areas.

Wooden, wire or plastic trellis, fences or stands for flower are not permitted on lots or graves.

Spading up the surface on any lot, excavating earth, altering the grade or laying or removing sod from any lot is not allowed.

Temporary crosses or grave markers are can not used, except those placed by funeral directors. This also applies to statues, votive lights, toys and novelties. These will be remove by the Cemetery.

It is strictly forbidden to raise, remove or paint the round concrete or metal lot identification markers. This makes it difficult for Cemetery personnel to locate graves.

Burials between December 1 and April 15 depend on weather conditions.

Drivers of vehicles entering the Cemetery shall remain on the roadways unless specific permission is granted to park elsewhere. This is particularly important when the ground is soft.

All monument foundations will be installed by cemetery personnel.