

**CEDAR MEMORIAL FLORAL REGULATIONS**  
**Effective May 1, 2002**

Your Cemetery Association encourages the use of floral tributes at the graves of your loved ones. The beauty and continuity of your cemetery depends on the cooperative efforts of all families who have loved ones entrusted in our care. Therefore everyone must adhere to some equitable regulations of grave decorations. FOLLOWING ARE SPECIFIC RULES COVERING THIS SUBJECT:

1. **NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR MISSING ITEMS:** The Association promotes and provides floral tributes, however your Cemetery is a public area subject to many factors outside of our control and therefore **WE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY MISSING ITEMS.**

2. **TOTAL CLEAN UP DAYS:** The maintenance staff schedules to completely clear the cemetery of all decorations on March 15 and October 15. While the dates of the Total Clean Up Days are adhered to as closely as possible, they may fluctuate due to weather conditions, the day of the week on which the 15<sup>th</sup> falls or to accommodate floating holidays (i.e. Easter).

Due to the volume of items removed from the cemetery on Total Clean Up Days, your Association cannot hold or store any items, and all items will be immediately removed to the landfill.

Following the March 15 and October 15 Total Clean Up Days, appropriate floral tributes may again be placed April 1 or Easter (whichever comes first) and November 1 respectively.

3. **CONFORMING ITEMS:** Fresh cut flowers, fresh potted plants, artificial flowers or artificial potted plants that **fit into the permanent vase** at the grave are permitted between the March and October Total Clean Up Days each year, however, they will be removed when in the judgment of the maintenance staff they have become faded or unsightly or as part of a Regular Clean Up Day. **No permanent vase will be allowed to extend above the surface of the ground between October 15 and March 15 of each year.**

4. **NON-CONFORMING ITEMS:** Artificial decorations such as, but not limited to balloons, stuffed animals, styrofoam pieces, artificial wreaths, celluloid flowers, windmills, shepherd's hooks, anything on an easel, excessive bouquets, or anything the Association considers in poor taste are non-conforming items and will not be allowed in the cemetery.

Any non-conforming items (see Holiday Exceptions #5) found in the cemetery will be placed in the Storage Area.

5. **HOLIDAY EXCEPTIONS:** On Easter, Mother's Day, nationally observed Memorial Day and Father's Day anything can be placed in the cemetery. However, non-conforming items (see #4) or excess bouquets (see #8) will be taken to the Storage Area on the morning of the fifth day (not including Sunday) following the holiday.

6. **REGULAR CLEAN UP DAYS:** Each Friday the maintenance staff removes faded, unsightly, excess or non-conforming tributes and places them in the Storage Area.

7. **STORAGE AREA:** The Storage Area is located north of Rest Haven and is where floral tributes removed by maintenance staff are placed by signs identifying each cemetery section.

Excess bouquets, (see #8) unsightly and non-conforming floral tributes are placed in the Storage Area.

In order to adequately maintain the Storage Area, any and all items in the Storage Area are taken to the landfill on a monthly basis at the discretion of the Association. The dates that all items are removed from the Storage Area will be scheduled to allow at least five days between the date of the last clean up (either a Regular or Holiday clean up) and the date of the removal from the Storage Area to the landfill.

8. **EXCESS BOUQUETS:** Only one bouquet per grave space (or two if one bouquet is in the permanent vase in the memorial) is permitted at any one time. Temporary vases are available at The Flower Shop for a modest price. Temporary vases should be placed as close as possible to the left or right hand side of an existing bronze memorial rather than above or below the memorial. If there is not a bronze memorial, the temporary vase should be placed to align with existing bronze memorials.

9. **WINTER DECORATIONS:** Artificial or natural wreaths (either with or without an easel), mounds and evergreen blankets are permitted only between October 15 and March 15 as are conforming items provided they are placed in a temporary vase. Please remember **no permanent vase will be allowed to extend above the surface of the ground between October 15 and March 15 of each year to accommodate any winter decoration.**

10. **FORBIDDEN ITEMS:** Planting flowers and digging up the turf on a grave is FORBIDDEN at all times, as are glass or other containers that when broken would pose a hazard.

11. **FLORAL IDENTIFICATIONS:** All conforming floral arrangements purchased from The Flower Shop at Cedar Memorial will be tagged with the name of the decedent, the location of their burial and the date the floral tribute was placed—this is to help stop thievery and to replace flowers should they be blown away from the grave and for your retrieval of the flowers from the Storage Area.

12. **MAUSOLEUM DECORATIONS:** Only fresh cut flowers, except iris, placed in floral containers provided by the Association are permitted in the Mausoleum. All other types of decorations are prohibited and will be removed.

13. **PERPETUAL FLOWERS:** For those who desire to have floral tributes placed on their graves or crypts on special occasions throughout each year, a perpetual floral fund may be established—the income from which will be used to provide flowers into perpetuity at the burial site of your loved one. If you wish more information on this fund, PLEASE CALL YOUR ASSOCIATION OFFICE AT (319) 393-8000 OR (800) 275-2332.

14. FOR QUICK, ECONOMICAL AND IDENTIFIED **FLORAL SERVICE**—including the placement at your loved one's burial space call THE FLOWER SHOP AT CEDAR MEMORIAL (319) 393-8004 OR (877) 638-2622.