



Rules and Regulations for Mount Vernon Memorial Park

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***The Memorial Park reserves the right to amend these rules and
regulations without written notice.***



General Purpose Rules and Regulations

For the mutual protection of all lot and crypt purchasers, the following rules and regulations have been revised and adopted by the Mount Vernon Memorial Park (Cemetery). These regulations are intended to protect the Interment Right Owner and preserve the beauty of the Cemetery. All persons visiting or performing work within the Cemetery will be subject to these rules and regulations. The Cemetery is a private property, and its management has the right to require full compliance with all of its rules and regulations and retains control and supervision of all lots which are sold.

1. The Cemetery will take reasonable action to protect Interment Right Owners and property from loss or damage caused by vandals or thieves.
2. The Cemetery disclaims any responsibility or liability for loss or damage caused by independent contractors, thieves, vandals, acts of God, or persons other than the Cemetery and its employees.
3. All persons who enter the Cemetery do so at their own risk and should exercise care. Any person injured while in the Cemetery shall not hold the Cemetery liable for any injuries sustained.
4. The Cemetery will try to accommodate reasonable requests for interment services but reserves the right to approve all service scheduling.
5. Only Cemetery employees are allowed to perform work within the Cemetery without permission from the Cemetery management.
6. The Cemetery shall have the right to enter upon or use any adjoining lot or lots to carry out its duties as to interments, moving/erection of monuments or markers, etc., without notice to the Interment Right Owner.
7. An outer burial container (vault or liner) is required for each interment.
8. The Cemetery grounds provide space for the remembrance of loved ones. Visitors' conduct should always respect the rights and sensitivities of others. Firearms and alcoholic beverages are not permitted on the grounds. Signs, notices, or advertisements of any kind are not permitted unless posted by Cemetery staff.



9. Items not permitted on a lot within the Cemetery include, but are not limited to, the following: coping, curbing, decorative rocks, fencing, hedging, grave mounds, borders, or enclosures.
10. Pets must be kept on a leash, remain on the paved roads or sidewalks, and are not allowed on the grass or in the Mausoleum.
11. All Interment Right Owners are required to notify the Cemetery of any change of address. All notices required to be sent shall be sent to the last recorded address, and such notices shall be deemed adequate.



Floral Regulations

1. Funeral flowers, holders, containers, baskets, and easels will be removed between the third and fifth day after the funeral service.
2. Two garden flags, no higher than 2 feet, are permitted and must be placed to the left or right side or in front and as close to the marker as possible. No flags or remembrances may be placed behind the marker, as they will encroach on burial space above or beside other spaces.
3. Items that cannot be placed inside the vase must be placed on the marker, not the grass. The Cemetery or its staff are not responsible for damage to any decorative item. Excessive items jeopardize the Cemetery's beauty and inhibit proper landscape practices, and will be removed without prior notice.
4. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths or other decorations from lots as soon as they become unsightly, no matter the time of year. **Spring cleanup begins March 1**, and **fall cleanup begins October 1**. For a family to save any decorations placed on a grave, the decoration should be removed before these dates.
5. Plantings of live flowers or trees are not allowed at any time. The Cemetery strictly enforces this.
6. Hanging baskets are not allowed at any time.
7. Special Christmas arrangements and wreaths are permitted from **December 1 to March 1**. The Cemetery grounds crew will begin clean-up for spring on **March 1st**, and all Christmas items will be removed without prior notice.
8. Larger special occasion wreaths and baskets for Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Valentine's Day, Veteran's Day, etc. will be removed after **15 days**.
9. Decorations should be confined to the individual burial space and not intrude into the common area. All decorations must be secured against strong winds, especially during winter.
10. Cemetery will not be liable for any flower or decoration removed or lost by any cause.
11. Floral arrangements, decorations, ornaments, lights, or flags that become discolored, wilted, seasonally inappropriate, or unsightly in any manner will be removed without prior notice
12. Small statues, ceramic ware, glass, and porcelain figurines are **prohibited**.
13. Trees are a part of the common areas; wind chimes or other decorations placed in trees will require prior approval by the Cemetery. Items will be subject to removal as necessary and without prior notification.



Markers and Monuments Rules and Regulations

All memorials must be made of the highest quality standard bronze or granite. Colors, emblems and epitaphs are subject to approval by Cemetery Management. The Cemetery shall have the authority to reject any memorial that, because of its size, type, design, inscription, quality, color, or construction method, is not suitable. The Cemetery reserves the right to reject or remove a marker or other objects that do not comply with the standards of the Cemetery. The Cemetery will not accept a marker or monument for installation unless a sketch has been furnished showing the dimensions, material, and content, including emblems and epitaph, and permission from the proper agent of the Interment Right Owner.

1. PLEASE NOTE—If you want to memorialize your loved one(s) with fresh or artificial flowers on special occasions, a flower vase or holder must be incorporated into your permanent memorial design. Please discuss this vase requirement with your headstone vendor and Cemetery Management.
2. Glass, Ceramic, Plastic, or other vase styles that are installed on the grassy areas without prior approval will be removed immediately.
3. All fees or encumbrances due on a lot, including any installation fee, must be paid in full before any memorial is placed on the lot.
4. If a memorial is placed where it is necessary to remove it for interment or disinterment, the Cemetery shall have the right to remove such memorial without notice to Interment Right Owner.
5. The Cemetery may correct any error in placing a foundation or memorial at its own expense and without liability or prior notice to Interment Right Owner.
6. Memorials shall be set in accordance with the Cemetery's general plan. Unless otherwise approved by the Cemetery, not more than two (2) permanent memorials may be placed on a grave, one at the head and the other at the foot.
7. Individual monuments cannot exceed 28" in width or 3' in height. Companion monuments must not exceed 56" in width or 3' in height.
8. All special requests not covered under these specifications must be submitted to Cemetery Management for approval.

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