

## REGULATIONS FOR PLANTINGS & DECORATIONS



### Landscaping and General Upkeep

**Use of power mowers or other landscape equipment, by anyone other than cemetery employees, is prohibited.** The liability resulting from possible injury and property damage caused by these machines strictly prohibits their use on Cemetery premises.

**Digging outside of designated planting beds, excavating, altering the grade, laying or removing sod is not permitted.** Please do not strip or remove sod from areas beyond the planting limits.

**Edging** should be limited to flexible high-grade plastic installed with a maximum of 2 inches showing above ground. All other edging including, but not limited to, bricks, cement blocks or any other item deemed hazardous to people and Cemetery equipment may be removed.

**Zoysia or other non-native grasses** are prohibited and are not to be planted. These plants can become invasive and seriously damage the turf and landscape.

**Reseeding of graves and lots is provided by the cemetery at the request of the family.** For assistance with reseeding, please contact the Cemetery's offices.

*The period between March 15th and May 1st is traditionally used by the Cemetery to clean and prepare the grounds for spring. Please refrain from planting or placing new decorations during this period with the exception of Easter-related decorations.*

**The cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of any decorations that violate the rules and guidelines described in this document.**

Holy Sepulchre and Ascension Garden Cemeteries serve as blessed gathering places where the faithful can celebrate Christ's promise of life everlasting. With two locations to serve you, and over 450 acres of sacred land, we have the largest selection of burial offerings in our community.

We invite you to visit us today to experience the Holy Sepulchre difference.

### Cemetery Hours

Summer: 8am- 7pm daily  
(March–October)

Winter: 8am- 5pm daily  
(November–March)

### Office Hours

Monday–Friday 9am- 4:30pm  
Saturday 9am- 12pm



Celebrate Life Everlasting

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery | 2461 Lake Avenue | Rochester NY 14612 | 585 458 4110

Ascension Garden | 1900 Pinnacle Road | Henrietta NY 14467 | 585 697 1122

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## TO OUR LOT HOLDERS:

To preserve and manage the beauty and dignity of Holy Sepulchre and Ascension Garden Catholic Cemeteries for all those we serve, and for the safety of visitors and workforce, we have instituted the following rules and regulations for grave plantings and decorations.

The Cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of any plantings or decorations at any time that violate the rules and regulations described in this document. The Cemetery shall not be responsible, nor liable, for ensuring that flowers, plantings and decorations placed on graves will remain in place. When possible, non-regulation items that are removed by Cemetery personnel shall be placed in the fenced storage area located near the Cemetery's main office at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, or in the garage of the main office at Ascension Garden Cemetery.

Your cooperation in complying with our Cemetery rules and regulations is appreciated.

## FLOWERS PLANTED ON GRAVES

- Fresh flowers and plantings are welcome except in the sections noted under Special Section Limitations\* below.
- Plantings should be confined to an area not more than 12 inches out from the front of the monument or marker, and limited to 18 inches in height.
- We recommend planting deer-resistant varieties of plants.
- Artificial flowers or ornaments are not permitted.

## \*SPECIAL SECTION LIMITATIONS:

Applies to Queen of Heaven, Lawn Crypts, all Cremation and Natural Green Burial sections at both cemeteries

- Plantings are not permitted in these sections.
- Flowers may be placed in a removable green cone or other in-ground type vase that can be moved for mowing and lawn care.

## MONUMENTED LOTS:

- **Lots with graves in front of the monument:** Plantings are allowed on the front and the sides of the monument, but may not exceed the length of the monument.
- **Lots with graves in front and back of the monument:** Plantings are allowed on the front, back and sides of the monument within the length of the monument.

## FLAT AND SLANT MARKER LOTS:

- Plantings are limited to the front of the marker and within the length of the marker.

## FRESH FLOWERS:

- Flowers may be placed in a removable green cone or other in-ground type vase that can be moved for mowing and lawn care. Permanent flower vases can be purchased at the cemetery office.
- Potted plants up to 8 inches in diameter are permitted. Glass, ceramic or other breakable pots or vases are not permitted for safety reasons.
- Funeral flowers will be removed by the cemetery on the day of the interment. Should members of the family wish to preserve some of the funeral flowers, we ask that they be taken from the grave immediately following the interment service.

## PERMANENT PLANTINGS:

- Shrubs, bushes and trees may not be planted on lots and graves.
- Please do not trim or remove any existing shrubs, bushes or trees that have been planted by the Cemetery. The Cemetery has an annual program of tree trimming, removal and replacement based on its long-term maintenance program.

## WINTER DECORATIONS:

- Wreaths, natural or artificial, may be placed on graves from November 15th to March 15th. Removal of winter decorations begins on or about March 15th, depending on weather conditions. Should you wish to save these decorations, please remove them prior to March 15th.
- Wreaths may be set on stands or attached to monuments. Please use nonmetallic cord as metallic cord may rust and permanently stain monuments. Do not drive metal stakes into the ground as they create tripping hazards and potentially damage Cemetery equipment.

## General Rules and Observations: Other Decorations

- American Flags (up to 12" by 18") may be placed on graves year round. The Cemetery will remove any flags that are in poor shape and properly dispose of them with respect for our American flag.
- The following items are not permitted: **Benches, Ceramic or Glass Objects, Solar Lights, Balloons, Monument Sprays, Wind Chimes, Shepherd's Hooks, Crosses, Temporary Grave Markers or Plaques, Statues, Toys, Novelties, Fraternal or Military Emblems.** These items are tempting to vandals and may become hazards to visitors and personnel.
- Mulching with crushed stone, wood chips, shells or other hard material is prohibited for safety reasons.

