

CEMETERY GROUNDS RULES & REGULATIONS

To carry out the Cemetery's sacred ministry, we have found it necessary to establish specific rules and regulations to maintain the dignity, reverence, and beauty of the Cemetery's holy ground and to honor all those who have passed on before us. All of our guidelines focus on furthering our bereavement ministry to families and friends of those interred here, and providing a safe environment for visitors and staff.

CEMETERY CLEANUP:

Official Cemetery Cleanups are held twice a year during the months of March and October. All prohibited and unsightly items will be removed during this time. The Cemetery will continue to clean throughout the year as needed.

ALLOWABLE ITEMS:

- Flowers are the only adornment allowed on the graves but will be removed when unsightly. Fresh cut flowers must be placed in plastic or bronze vases year round.
- Artificial flowers, grave blankets, and other holiday decorations are allowed on graves from November 1st to March 1st.
- A border of flowers may be planted only at the front of an upright monument up to 8" from the front of the monument. Borders must be made out of plastic or rubber material.
- Potted plants are permitted on the monument or 8" from the border but will be removed if hazardous or unsightly.
- Flags are permitted two weeks before and two weeks after Memorial Day, Veteran's Day and the 4th of July.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

- No alcohol allowed on premises.
- Irises, rose bushes, shrubbery and trees are not allowed to be planted on any grave and will be removed.
- Wooden, plastic, and iron crosses are not permitted because they are hazardous to our visitors and grounds personnel.
- Any other items such as toys, wind chimes, incense, candles, and stuffed animals will be removed and discarded.
- Attachments to crypt doors other than those approved and attached by the Cemetery will be removed. Items on crypts, even if permitted, must not infringe on other crypts.
- No shells, stones, pebbles, may be used to decorate graves or lots. No glass jars, bottles, tin cans, candle holders, crockery or earthenware pots are permitted .
- The entrance to every grave or lot must remain unobstructed. No entrance sills or enclosures of any kind, including beds of stone, concrete, metal or plastic, hedges, shrubs, posts, cars, chains and rails shall be permitted on graves or lots.
- Flowers may not be planted in sections with flat markers.
- Any additional items not mentioned above may be removed according to the judgment of the Grounds Superintendent with the best interest of the Cemetery and for the safety of all staff and visitors.

GRAVE MAINTENANCE:

We take a great deal of care when mowing these areas and we are not responsible for damage to borders, flowers or any other items left at a grave, crypt or niche.

MARKERS/VASES:

No monument placement will be permitted until the accounts covering funeral and burial services are fully paid. Only approved markers may be placed with cemetery-installed foundations. Markers must fit established guidelines with regards to size and type of stone. These rules will be furnished upon request and most local monument companies have these rules . Homemade markers of any kind are never permitted. All vases on niche and mausoleum doors must be bronze, provided from and installed by cemetery personnel and will be removed if not.

PETS:

Pets are allowed on the Cemetery grounds as long as they remain on a leash and are properly cleaned up after.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Please lock your vehicles. Mt. Olivet Cemetery is not responsible for theft or damage.

The Cemetery will accept no responsibility for the theft or vandalism of flowers, vases, urns, benches, or any other articles left at the grave, niche or mausoleum. Further the Cemetery will not be responsible for damage or vandalism to monuments or markers.