



Beth Emeth Memorial Garden at Washtenong Memorial Park

Cemetery Decoration Policy

Clean Up: There are two scheduled clean ups per year when **ALL** decorations will be removed.

Spring Clean-Up: March 1st (Weather permitting)

Fall Clean-Up: October 1st (Weather Permitting)

Flowers:

One arrangement of fresh or artificial flowers is allowed per burial space. All decorations must be contained in a bronze vase or a cone case container. (Complimentary cone vases are provided for your convenience from April through October in the Cemetery office). Potted plants are allowed for special occasions and holidays. They will be allowed to be left on the burial space for up to one week.

Plantings:

Planting of an annual personal flower bed is allowed in a designated area of the burial space and in a specific size and shape. The soil will be prepared for you and requires a \$35 preparation fee. Maintenance, including regular watering is to be done by the purchaser. All flower beds must be removed by October 1st or by the first frost, whichever occurs first.

Visitation Stones:

Some follow the tradition of leaving a small stone at the grave as an acknowledgment of a visit. This may be done if placed on the center of the memorial plaque of the deceased (or where the plaque will be located if not yet in place). Stones placed elsewhere will interfere with site maintenance and may pose a safety hazard to grass cutting. If deemed a hazard the Cemetery staff will remove for mowing or maintenance and then replace.

Flags:

Flags must be placed in a vase container. An exception to this rule is made for Veterans Day, Memorial Day and all other recognized Veterans' holidays. The flags will be permitted for two days before and after each of those holidays.

Seeding of New Burials:

The settling of a new burial is a four to six week process. Depending on the type of soil and the amount of rainfall, the settling time may vary. Once the new burial has settled below ground level, dirt, top soil and seed will be added to complete the burial.

To provide professional lawn maintenance, safety, and to assure the aesthetics of the cemetery the following are NOT allowed: Glass containers, wires, stones (except as noted above), edging, fencing, statues, sculptures, solar lights, balloons, lawn ornaments, shepherd hooks, woodchips, and perennials. Anything left on the grave that is not allowed will be discarded. Contact the cemetery office for any questions or clarification of the decoration policy and for other restrictions.

Office Hours: M-F: 9am – 4:30pm; Sat.: 9am – 3pm; Sun. by Appointment

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