



MENTOR MUNICIPAL CEMETERY RULES

• Established 1854 •

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Cemetery Decoration Rules

- Headstones are placed at the head of the grave. Flush markers are not considered headstones.
- Fresh or artificial flowers are permitted in urns, pots or flower holders placed alongside the headstone on a patio block or on the footer.
- Steel rod hangers, known as a Shepard's hook, are permitted, but can be no higher than 4' high. Single hangers shall be placed at the side of the headstone. Double hangers must be placed flush on the back of the headstone footer. The hangers must not stick out into the walkway. All hangers must always have something on it for the safety of those walking by the hanger.
- Wreaths can be placed at the side (or on a shepherd's hook) of the headstone during the winter months.
- Non-glass solar powered eternal flames, or solar powered candle or solar powered "coach" lantern may be placed at the gravesite. The eternal flame should be placed at the side of the headstone. The solar lantern shall be displayed from a steel rod hanger or in a pot at the side of the headstone.
- No more than two (2) steel rod hangers permitted at any headstone.

The following decorations are not permitted:

- Balloons, Inflatable decorations, pinwheels, bird feeders or windsocks
- Banners and banner hangers
- Glass products of any kind including gazing balls
- Styrofoam
- Wires or stakes of any kind to anchor decorations
- Wood chips, stones, bricks, etc. in front of or behind the headstone
- **All the above will be removed by cemetery staff and thrown away.**

Decoration Placement

- All decorations not on the headstone or headstone footer must be on a patio block, next to the headstone.
- **Any decoration on the ground or stuck in the ground will be removed and thrown away by cemetery staff.**
- Any real or artificial flowers that appear unkempt will be removed by cemetery staff and thrown away.
- You are only permitted to decorate your gravesite.

Funeral Flowers and Decorations

- Decorations and flowers placed at the time of burial will be removed three (3) days after the burial by cemetery staff and thrown away.

Decoration Removal

- **All Christmas decorations may be placed starting Dec. 1 and must be removed by March 1.**
- For all major holidays, such as Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Halloween, etc. **decorations may be placed one week prior to but must be removed one week after the holiday or cemetery staff will remove and throw away.**
- **Any decoration on the ground or stuck in the ground will be removed and thrown away by cemetery staff.**

Wooden Crosses

Wooden crosses are permitted to mark the location of a gravesite under the following circumstances only:

- Until a permanent headstone is placed on the site. After the placement of the headstone, the cross will be removed by cemetery staff and thrown away.
- To mark any headstone under 18 inches tall from December 1 to March 1. After March 1 the cross must, be removed or it will be thrown away by cemetery staff.

All crosses shall be constructed of 1" x 4" wood only and no larger than 36" tall and 18" wide. The cross must have the Name, Sec., Lot & Grave.

- **Any cross not conforming will be removed by cemetery staff and thrown away.**

Other Cemetery Rules

- No pets are permitted within the cemetery property.
- The speed limit is 10 mph.
- The cemetery closes at dark.
- No recreational activities are permitted on the cemetery grounds.
- Only cemetery staff can post signs, no signs are permitted on the cemetery grounds.

The City of Mentor is not responsible for broken or stolen items.

The City of Mentor may remove items that do not abide by the rules.

The City of Mentor reserves the right to review, revise, add or delete the rules as necessary.

Any item not addressed in these rules will not be permitted, unless discussed with the manager.

For questions, please call (440) 974-5733