



CEMETERY RULES



Mentor Municipal Cemetery
 6881 Hopkins Road
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Cemetery Decoration Rules

- Fresh or artificial flowers are permitted in urns, pots, or flower holders placed alongside the monument on patio block or footer extension.
- Steel rod hangers are permitted. Single hangers shall be placed at the side of the monument. Double hangers must be placed flush on the back of the monument footer. The basket or hook shall not stick out into the walkway. All hangers must have a visible decoration on the hook at all times for the safety of those walking by the hanger. Wrapped or decorated steel rod hangers are not permitted.
- Wreaths can be placed at the side of the headstone during the winter months.
- Non-glass eternal flames, containing a candle or solar powered candle, or a solar powered “coach” style lantern may be placed at the gravesite. The eternal flame should be placed at the side of the monument. The solar light shall be displayed from a steel rod hanger.
- No more than one (1) steel rod hanger is permitted at any monument.

The following decorations are not permitted:

- Glass products or gazing balls
- Styrofoam
- Windssocks, balloons, inflatable decorations, or pinwheels
- Wood chips, stones, bricks, etc. in front of or behind the headstone
- Wires or stakes of any kind to anchor decorations
- Banners and banner hangers

Decoration Placement

All decorations not on the monument must be fully placed on either patio blocks or footer extensions to permit maintenance and funeral access. Patio blocks must not be any wider than the monument footer, nor extend beyond the gravesite. Footer extensions may only be constructed by the City of Mentor cemetery staff.

- All decorations must be placed on the monument or at each side. No decorations are to be placed in the walkway
- It is recommended that all decorations be clearly marked with the section, lot, grave, and name on the base
- Artificial flowers that appear unkempt and flowers that have died will be removed by cemetery staff
- Please remember you are permitted to decorate your gravesite only
- To make special arrangements for decoration placement for special days, such as birthdays or anniversary of death, contact the Mentor Cemetery office at (440) 974-5733.

Funeral Flowers and Decorations

Decorations and flowers at the time of burial are left on the grave for three (3) days. Decorations are then removed.

Complete Decoration Removals

Gravesites are to be cleaned of all decorations three times a year:

- March 1st
- Three weeks after Easter
- November 1st

These dates will be posted on the exit signs.

- Please allow two (2) weeks to be sure removal has been completed before placing new decorations on your gravesite. This will protect your new decorations from being accidentally removed. Items in an urn or on a monument will not be removed unless items pertain to a past holiday or they are unkempt
- Major holiday decorations such as Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, or Halloween, etc. should be removed 14 days after the holiday.

Wooden Crosses

- Wooden crosses are permitted to mark the location of gravesites under the following circumstances only:
 - Until a permanent monument is placed on the site. After the placement of the monument, the cross will be removed to the cemetery office.
 - To mark any monument under 18 inches tall from November 1 to March 1
- All crosses shall be constructed of wood and marked with a last name, the section, lot, and grave. The cross shall not exceed 36 inches above the ground. The cross member shall not exceed 18 inches in width. The cross shall be constructed with 1”x4” wood only. Crosses not conforming to these dimensions shall be removed.

Other Cemetery Rules

- Speed limit is 15 mph. Please be courteous to pedestrians.
- The cemetery closes at dark.
- No pets are permitted within the cemetery property.
- Recreational activities are not permitted on the cemetery grounds, such as Frisbee, baseball, golf, skating, skateboarding, jogging, or picnicking.
- The placement of any signs or notices or soliciting the sale of any item is not permitted
- No loud music.

The City of Mentor will not be responsible for any broken or stolen items and reserves the right to remove any articles not in keeping with the beautification of the cemetery or impede the maintenance of the grounds.

The City of Mentor reserves the right to review, revise, add, or delete rules as necessary. An item not addressed in the rules will be considered not permitted.

Any questions, please call (440) 974-5733.