



PLEASE LIMIT DECORATIONS TO ONE PER GRAVE

Natural and Artificial flowers are permitted. Pots not to exceed 12 inches in diameter. Planters Boxes – Not exceeding 18 inches in length, 8 inches in width, 6 inches high.

All containers should be of plastic or wood construction with ample drainage. They must be placed on the marker, not dug into the turf.

The Cemetery will not take responsibility for damaged or stolen decorations. Some containers are not suitable for snow and harsh winter weather.

Metal stands, shepherd hooks, glass, statuary, decorative stones, and border edging are strictly prohibited. Candles of any kind are not permitted.

These restrictions are necessary for safety reasons. Any of these objects can be picked up and hurled by lawn mowing equipment, making them potential hazards to visitors and the cemetery staff. They will be removed and disposed of immediately.

Artificial flowers are permitted on all graves in approved permanent vases or containers. In-ground metal vases with granite collars are permitted and must have a hole in the bottom, so that water will not be contained in the vase.

Flags may be placed in planters with plants, or in approved permanent vases. Flags may not be stuck into the ground on wooden sticks, nor may they be attached to the metal veteran's stakes (which are not permitted).

During the growing season, our field staff remove non-compliant decorations weekly (schedule permitting).

Grave Decorations
**CATHOLIC CEMETERIES
DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD**

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SPRING AND FALL CEMETERY CLEAN UP

March 1 – 15 and November 1 – 15 (weather permitting) are used to clean up the grounds and prepare the cemetery for the spring and winter. All decorations will be removed and disposed of during these times. If you wish to save your decorations, please remove them before March 1st and November 1st. Please do not place any decorations during these clean up dates.

After November 15th. When the grass is not being cut, artificial wreaths no more than 30 inches in diameter are permitted when placed on stands.

Evergreen blankets or grave coverings are not permitted at any time.

All winter decorations must be on an easel.

Monument Lots

Planting beds the length of the family monument are permitted directly in front. You cannot plant behind the monument if you do not own the graves on that side. Decorative stones and border edging are strictly prohibited. No perennial plants or bushes are permitted. Annual plants only. Perennial plants will be removed and disposed of. All plants will be cut level to the turf after November 1st.

Reverence and Respect

We encourage the placement of decorations. We will try to be as careful as possible during our normal interment and maintenance activities as we can. We regret that we cannot guarantee that all decorations will be free from damage or loss and we cannot accept responsibility for these occurrences.

The Catholic Cemeteries is a holy place. These sacred grounds are blessed by the church and dedicated as a place of prayer and dignity for our faithful departed.

Please maintain a quiet reverence and respect for the other people visiting the graves of loved ones. Please abide by the following:

- Proper attire at all times
- Proper behavior at all times
- No alcoholic beverages
- No picnics
- No pets
- No parking on grass