

*We pray for all who have died in the  
hope of rising again. Welcome them,  
Lord, into the light of Your presence.*

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# Holy Trinity Guidelines for a Beautiful Cemetery





Thank you for taking the time to read through our guidelines for a beautiful cemetery booklet. Holy Trinity's Cemetery Committee has prepared these policies to ensure that the beauty of our cemetery remains intact for many years to come and that personal decorations don't infringe upon the space of neighboring plots.

The committee has tried to establish the fairest set of rules for all situations and earnestly tries to enforce them uniformly. We do not want to deny your right to beautify the plot of your loved one but only to define an orderly plan of planting, care, and maintenance.


Please be aware that lot holders purchase the right of burial space in a cemetery. Whereas the ownership and general upkeep of the property remain with Holy Trinity Cemetery.

The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to change, repeal, or add to these guidelines as deemed necessary to remain in accordance with our mission statement and our landscaping plans.

We want the final resting place of your loved ones to be beautiful for all the years ahead. Your help will be greatly appreciated.



- ◆ Mulching with wood chips, crushed stone, shells, glass, plastic or other hard material is prohibited for safety reasons. These items can be easily picked up by mowers and trimmers and cause personal injury and property damage.
- ◆ Plants that have died or flowers that have faded should be removed from the grave. The Cemetery Committee will remove plantings that have become withered or unsightly to maintain the best appearance of the grounds.
- ◆ Receptacles for waste material are located throughout the cemetery near each water spigot. Please make use of these receptacles when tending the gravesite.
- ◆ The month of April is usually used by the Cemetery Committee to prepare the cemetery for spring. Please refrain from placing new decorations/plantings at this time.
- ◆ **Sacred Heart Garden (Section K):** No plantings are allowed on cremains plots. An area near the cremains section will be designated for decoration at a later date.



## Plantings & Care Of

- ◆ There is an established plan for landscaping the property in the cemetery. The Cemetery Committee requests that plot holders do not mow or fertilize their plots.
- ◆ Annuals may be planted twelve inches in front of the monument and should not exceed the width of the monument. The remainder of the plot will be planted with grass and maintained by the cemetery. Keeping annuals within the above guidelines allows for efficient trimming and mowing practices, which helps keep headstones clean.
- ◆ Annuals should be planted directly in the ground and should be 12 inches in height or shorter to avoid obstructing the monument. Do not use metal, plastic or glass containers to plant flowers. As these chip and breakdown, they become a hazard easily picked up and thrown by the mowers.
- ◆ Creeping vines such as ivy and invasive species like lily of the valley are not permitted because they quickly overgrow the allotted planting space.
- ◆ No trees, shrubs or bushes are allowed to be planted permanently on the grave.
- ◆ All flowers should be removed by November 1st so that the cemetery is tidy for winter.



## General Regulations

- ◆ The cemetery is open during daylight hours. Instances of extreme winter weather may require the cemetery to be closed to traffic at times.
- ◆ Selling or transferring a plot requires permission from Holy Trinity Cemetery and is subject to a \$50.00 recording fee.
- ◆ All interments must be made with a burial vault. All inurnments must be in a sealed urn or an urn vault not to exceed 12 inches by 24 inches.
- ◆ A full burial along with one cremains OR two cremains can be buried in one full-size plot.
- ◆ The cemetery is not and cannot be insured against the damage to monuments. If damage is due to vandalism or the carelessness of a cemetery visitor, we do not accept responsibility. (Sometimes the loss may be recovered from a homeowner's policy). If the damage is caused by our cemetery worker, we will be responsible for correcting it.
- ◆ **Sacred Heart Garden (Section K):** Two cremains can be buried in one cremains plot.



## Monument Regulations

- ◆ Monuments may be placed on the plot only when full payment has been received by the cemetery.
- ◆ Double monuments are not to exceed 36 inches in width and 14 inches in depth. Single monuments are not to exceed 24 inches in width and 12 inches in depth.
- ◆ The maximum height of a double monument on a full plot is 48 inches, including the base, as measured from ground level. The maximum height of a single monument on a full plot is 30 inches.
- ◆ Inscriptions are subject to approval before placement on monuments. Religious symbols should be the primary focus on the monument. We ask the monument companies to submit drawings to the Cemetery Committee before completion of the monument.
- ◆ **Sacred Heart Garden (Section K):** Only ground level monuments will be permitted in the cremains section. When one stone is needed, it should not exceed 36 inches in width and 12 inches in depth. When two headstones are needed, each stone should not exceed 18 inches in width and 12 inches in depth. Of note, when choosing a military marker for section K, if only one stone will be on the plot the standard flat 24 inch x 12 inch markers may be ordered. If two stones will be on the plot, the 18 inch x 12 inch military marker should be ordered.



## Decorations

- ◆ American Flags up to 12 x 18 inches may be placed on graves beginning on Memorial Day. In respect for the flag, and concern for the general appearance of the cemetery, the Cemetery Committee will, at its discretion, remove any flags which become significantly weather-worn. Flags are not permitted in section K. An area near the cremains section will be designated for decoration at a later date.
- ◆ The following items are NOT permitted in our cemetery and will be removed after a short time by the Cemetery Committee: artificial plants and flowers; ceramic or glass ornaments, metal, plastic or glass containers; trellises; garden flags, fences; shepherd hooks; crosses; statues; vigil/solar lights, toys, balloons, and novelties. These remembrances speak for the moment, but over time become weathered and unattractive.
- ◆ **Sacred Heart Garden (Section K):** No decorations are allowed on cremains plots. An area near the cremains section will be designated for decoration at a later date.

## Winter Wreaths:

- ◆ Natural or artificial wreaths up to 24 inches in diameter may be placed on graves from November 1 through April 1. These may be placed on a wreath easel or directly hung from the monument with a non-metallic cord to prevent rust staining. Please remove your wreath before April 1 if you wish to keep it.