



DIOCESE OF GRAND RAPIDS

Cemetery Rules & Regulations

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 1 – October 15 – All decorations should be placed in the vase or basket on the memorial. Fresh cut flowers or artificial flowers are welcomed. Decorations not placed in the vases or baskets create mowing hazards, therefore they may not be placed. Funeral flowers should be removed from the burial spaces one week after the new burial.

October 15 – March 31 – Metal Baskets must be removed and vases must be inverted within the memorial, to prevent freezing, breaking and/or damage by snow removal equipment used for winter burials.

One week before Memorial Day – Potted plants may be placed. They should be removed within one week after Memorial Day. Cemetery personnel cannot store or save decorations removed from burial spaces.

December 1 – March 31 – Christmas wreaths and **ONLY** wreaths are permitted.

*****METAL BASKETS WITH Handles AND INGROUND VASES MAY ONLY BE USED***
INGROUND VASES CAN BE PURCHASED AT THE OFFICE**

Management reserves the right to regulate the method of decorating burial spaces, so that uniform beauty & safety may be maintained. Florist cones and grave blankets may **NOT** be used. They cannot be seen under snow and could become a hazard. They also ruin the grass and become nesting areas for small rodents. The use of concrete, plastic, Styrofoam, ornaments, metal signs, bottles, jars, tin cans, shells, stones, boxes, statues, glass vases, crockery jars and containers, wood or metal cases, vigil lights, etc. are **NOT** permitted.

Taping decorations on mausoleum or niche walls is not allowed. Mausoleum flowers must be placed in crypt/niche vases. Mylar balloons and eucalyptus may leave stains and are **NOT** permitted.

Lawns may not be disturbed for any purpose. Planting, landscaping, including mowing, fertilizing, coping, curbing, hedging or enclosures of any kind are not allowed, except by the cemetery grounds keeping staff.

Funerals upon entering the cemetery shall be under the exclusive direction of the management.



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Ground interments must be in concrete grave liners or burial vaults. Cremated remains must be in a decorative urn or rigid plastic cremains container for interment. Scattering of cremains within the cemetery is not allowed.

Dogs are not allowed in the cemetery.

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