

Winton Cemetery District

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Flower and Decoration Policy

Definitions

Flowers: the seed-bearing part of a plant

Decorations: the process or art of decorating or adorning something

Permanent Vases: cups flushed into the ground, marble/granite vases.

Adornments: a thing which adorns or decorates

Fixed: Put together

Permanent plants: Living, grows roots.

Concrete slab: Cement slab (purchased and installed by cemetery district) that a marker goes on top of or flushed into.

IMPORTANT: It will be at the sole discretion of the Winton Cemetery District to remove anything that is out of compliance, broken, and/or faded. The District will not give notice and items will not be stored for pick up.

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Grave with existing headstone:

- All decorations and flowers must be in your permanent vases purchased with the headstone. Decorations may only be placed in flower cans and vases in concrete slab (purchased and installed by cemetery District).
- Any adornments must be fixed by wire and or glue.
- Vases must not contain any sand, gravel, plaster, rocks, or wax.
- No permanent plants may be placed in these vases.
- All decorations and flower arrangements must be small enough to not obstruct mowing, trimming, or grounds maintenance. :
 - Decorations are limited to a maximum height of 18 inches measured from the cement slab.
 - If vases are on the base of the headstone decorations must not be higher than 10 inches.
- Headstone coverings are not permitted.
- No items shall be permitted to be placed on concrete slab or grass area.

Grave with rock number (no headstone/slab):

- All decorations and flowers must be in one plastic container/vase on top of your rock number, until your cement slab is placed at the grave. Plastic container/vase shall be firmly secured.
- No permanent plants may be placed in these vases. All other decoration and flower policies shall apply.

Niche's:

- All decorations and flowers must be in your permanent vases purchased with the Niche.
- No items shall be permitted to be placed or left on the ground in front of the Niche.
- No permanent plants may be placed in flower vase.
- You may only place a small flower arrangement in your vase. Arrangements shall not obstruct another Niche plate.

Under no circumstances may you have any of the following items:

Arches, fences, glass, balloons, candles, metal hooks, plant hangers, bird houses, pots, headstone flower saddles, food, drinks, any other items that may be breakable, absorbent of water (stuffed animals, cardboard/paper, clothing, bandanas, etc.), battery operated, or a safety hazard.

The district will make every reasonable effort to care for flowers and decorations properly placed in the vases but we cannot accept responsibility for loss due to theft, wind, or other causes beyond our control.

REMOVAL OF FLOWERS

It is the policy of the Winton Cemetery District to remove unsightly flowers or arrangements whether it be fresh or artificial. Flowers/arrangements will be removed as necessary to maintain lawns during the mowing season. When flowers start to discolor, fade, or deteriorate, the district will remove and dispose of them with no notice.