

Cedar Hill Cemetery

Decoration Policies

**Preserving the Heritage
Of Newark Since 1850**



**Cedar Hill Cemetery
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A Division of the City of Newark

“ A cemetery exists because every life is worth loving and remembering – Forever”

Our guiding philosophy is as simple as the above statement. And because every life is worth loving and remembering, we know that surviving families will have not only the desire, but also the need to decorate the gravesites of a loved one. Since our primary concern is to respond to the needs of our families we have not eliminated grave decorations.

It is however our concern and responsibility to maintain the cemetery in a dignified and orderly manner. Because of this we recognize Cedar Hill as a “sanctuary of beauty”.

Sometimes the desire or need to personalize a grave with decorations may conflict with our need to manage the grounds. When that conflict arises, it is likely that you will be unhappy with our policies. But we are hopeful that you keep in mind 2 facts: first, our decoration policies are the most liberal in the area. Second, our policies have been adopted with a purpose in mind – to maintain a reasonable amount of discretion by surviving families, while at the same time enabling us to maintain

the cemetery in the fashion in which our families have become accustomed. In order to reduce or eliminate any misunderstandings related to decorations we have set forth this brochure.

**Two dates to keep in mind:
April 1st and November 1st**

April 1st –October 31st, Live flowers only please.

November 1st – March 31st, Artificial is allowed.

During the mowing season we only permit live flowers. Artificial decorations are a safety hazard, not only for our staff but also for the public in general. However during the fall and winter months they produce little to no obstacles. And with discretion, are allowed.

Special Holiday’s such as Easter, Mother’s Day and Memorial Day such artificial decorations may be placed at the gravesite 3 days prior to remain for 7 days following the holiday. At that point we will remove and dispose of the decorations.

During the grass-growing season we ask that the flowers be kept up close to the memorial. And may not exceed 8 inches from the front of the stone. Plantings are prohibited at the sides or back of the headstone. Such plantings that do not conform to these rules will be removed with out notification.

In the event you wish to decorate a grave for a special occasion, such as an anniversary or birthday, please notify the office of the date in which the decoration will be placed at the site. Said decoration will be allowed to remain for 5 days.

The planting of trees, bushes, shrubs or any spreading plants is strictly prohibited. We reserve the right to remove any and all unsightly, undignified or excessive plantings.

During **November 1st – March 31st** artificial decorations are permitted. Wreaths, plastic or silk flowers are the typical choice. However we reserve the right to remove anything that we deem to be excessive or unsightly without any prior notification.

Tips for Planting

Some flowers are beautiful but not practical for cemetery purpose, that is

unless you commit to regular visits. Otherwise we suggest that you choose flowers that will flourish with minimal amounts of water or care.

In early spring consider the tulip or other perennial varieties that will produce beautiful color. Perennials bulbs are easy to plant and are carefree for years. For best results plan to plant them in the fall.

For hot summer months we recommend the Geranium. This hardy plant can withstand little water and lots of heat. This suggestion is based on our experiences to be the most practical of all annual plants.

We do, however, encourage you to try any of your other favorite varieties of plants.

A word about maintenance

As much as we enjoy the beauty of flowers, there is nothing more unsightly than flowers that are unkempt. We hope that you intend to visit often to maintain the flowers and help keep our cemetery as beautiful as possible. At the event we deem a site to be unkempt, we reserve the right to remove the flowers.

Please keep in mind that weeding and watering must be done every couple of weeks.

Our Decoration Program

One of our primary functions is to provide service to our families, and with this, one of the most popular is our, Spring Planting Program.

If you would like any information on our programs please feel free to contact our office. We would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

As always our goal is to maintain a place of beauty and dignity. Our policies are set forth only to protect the history and integrity of one of Newark's most beautiful places.

The gates of the cemetery are open 7 days a week. Times are as followed: 7:00am to 8:00pm during day light savings time. And then 7:00am to 6:00pm during the fall and winter months.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the office at (740) 670-7775. Our office hours are Monday – Friday 8:00am to 4:30pm.