# Floral Placement and Decorating Regulations

## SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK

## EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

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**Sunset Memorial Park understands, and embraces the human desire to pay tribute and respect to those that pass on before us through the adorning of a loved one's grave with flowers, and appropriate seasonal decorations. Careful consideration has been made regarding the following Rules and Regulations; they have been enacted in a sincere effort to preserve and enhance the overall beauty of the cemetery, and assist in ensuring the safety of all who visit. Please share this very important document with family and friends that may be impacted, and please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions regarding such.**

**Sincerely,**
**Sunset Memorial Park Management Team**

**General Guidelines - Gardens:**

Fresh Cut Flowers only - March 1st through October 31s. Artificial flowers may be utilized from November 1st through February 28th. As weather permits, water will be made available at designated water spigots from May 1st through November 1st. Fresh Cut flowers should only be placed in the bronze vases that are an integral part of the memorial, or in a disposable "Pick Vase", available at most floral and/or hobby and craft retail establishments.

During the winter month's vases should remain recessed due to possible damage caused by freezing (ice). The most common damage to bronze vases is a result of being left turned up during the winter months. Sunset will not assume responsibility for damage to vases caused by freezing / ice.

**SPRING CLEAN-UP (1st Full Week of March):**

In our concerted effort to maintain Sunset Memorial Park at the highest level possible, and in preparation for the New Year and growing season, Sunset Memorial Park Staff will remove and dispose of all decorations not claimed by family members prior to March 1st. This includes items in vases adorning Exterior Mausoleums & Niches, Private Estates, Abbey Cremation Trail, etc. This is a yearly cleansing and rebirth of the cemetery; we believe it is appropriate that it falls during the spring, during a season that brings a new year of growth and beauty for all to enjoy. If the Spring Clean-up date/s conflict with date of birth or passing of a loved one and you wish to decorate during this time period, please refer to "Special Occasions" below, and request a Special Occasion Permit from Memorial Parks Cemetery Representative.

**SPECIAL OCCASION PERMIT:**

At Sunset Memorial Park it is our desire to provide families with the opportunity to celebrate a loved one's anniversary (birth, death, wedding, etc. ) or special milestone that took place during one's life. As a result of such, a family member (preferably Next of Kin) may request a "Special Occasion Decoration

Permit" which will allow a family to fully decorate a loved one's burial space in honor of the occasion during the growing season, when otherwise such decorations would not be permitted. The permit will be dated for *NO MORE than (10) ten days* from date of issue. The permit will be issued by a cemetery representative and recorded at the cemetery office. The permit must be displayed on the decorations placed at the burial site in a noticeable place. Any decorations that do not conform to the General Placement Policy at the conclusion of the time period will be disposed of by cemetery personnel.

**POTTED PLANTS:**

Although it is not encouraged, potted plants are permitted one week before and one week following Easter, Memorial Day, and Mother's Day. Plants must be fully placed upon a memorial and not interfere with the mowing and trimming of the lawns.

**UNITED STATES FLAG - DISPLAY:**

Honoring our Veterans and Country; Flags are permitted one week before and one week following Memorial Day, Independence Day, September 11th, and Veteran's Day. Size maximum allowed is a 12" X 8" flag on a 24" Stick. The Flag must be presented in an approved vase assembly or placed tightly up against a memorial. Ask about donating your loved ones casket flag for display during our Memorial Day Avenue of Flags Program (Stored and Flown Yearly - Memorial Day Weekend).

**MAUSOLEUM AND OR NICHE FLOWERS AND ADORNMENTS:**

We encourage the placement of both artificial and fresh flowers in approved floral vase containers properly installed upon a crypt/niche front (see cemetery office for affordable options). It is NOT permissible to place floral arrangement on the floor or walkways causing a tripping hazard, and unsightliness. At no times can pictures, personal artifacts, flags or other decorations be taped to a memorial crypt front. Please see a cemetery representative for ideas and products approved for personalizing a loved one's memorial crypt front (vases, lights, cameo pictures and frames, emblems, etc.). Clean –ups will take place (3) three times a year; Oct. 31st, Feb. 28th, and June 30th. *Beginning March 1st 2018, flowers will be restricted to permanent vases installed upon crypt/niche fronts, and only permitted on tables if identified by "Special Occasion Permit".*

**FUNERAL SERVICE FLOWERS:**

Flowers brought out to the cemetery in conjunction with a Funeral and/or burial will be removed by Cemetery Personnel no later than (3) three days following the service date.

**AT NO TIME WILL THE FOLLOWING BE PERMITTED**

Balloons, fences, ceramics, pumpkins, statuary, glass of any kind, shepherd hooks, windmills, flag poles, landscaping, etc.. If in doubt, always ask.

**SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK WILL NOT ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR ANY FLORAL DECORATIONS, PERSONAL ITEMS, OR ADORNMENTS PLACED WITHIN THE CEMETERY.**