



Cemetery Information and Decorating Regulations

Resurrection Cemetery
2705 Regent Street
Madison WI 53705

General Information

Cemetery grounds are open for visitation from dawn to dusk. Office hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. The office is closed on holidays and on Saturdays from January to April. The telephone number is 608-238-5561. The Mausoleum Chapel is open during office hours only. The speed limit on the property is 15 m.p.h.

Care of Gravesites

All new burials are sodded in the spring and in the fall. Occasionally, in the summer, both heat and dry conditions prevent effective sodding. Burials made then are simply top-dressed with black dirt and sodded in the fall. Families are asked not to use lawn fertilizer or other chemicals on the gravesites.

During the winter months when the ground is frozen, it is not possible to sod effectively. These graves are left top-dressed and sodded in the spring.

Sometimes new sod will turn brown. This may be temporary due to current weather conditions and not an indication that new sod is needed. Our grounds staff makes regular inspections of new graves and will take the necessary measures to assure that graves are maintained in good condition.

All new graves will settle because the ground has been disturbed. Although graves are tamped, some additional settlement is almost inevitable. For

graves that are not immediately sodded, this settlement is normally corrected when the sod is placed.

Memorialization

Monuments and memorials may be ordered anytime during the year from the cemetery office. Also, the cemetery offers the service of carving names and death dates on existing memorials. The Family Service Counselor can answer any questions regarding memorialization. If graves or monuments are not up to satisfactory standards, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Decorating Gravesites

In order to maintain the beauty of our cemeteries and allow for efficient maintenance, visitors must cooperate regarding flower placement. Please refer to and follow these regulations:

Fresh Cut Flowers for decorating gravesites are encouraged anytime during the year. Flowers must be placed in an approved container such as a bronze vase which can be purchased through the cemetery office. The cemetery will not be responsible for damage to vases that are not turned down during the winter months. Flowers will be removed when they wilt and become unsightly. Funeral decorations will be left on the grave until they deteriorate.

Annuals and certain perennials are allowed: however, type and placement must conform to cemetery regulations. Please check with the cemetery office before planting. Only low growing flowers planted on the grave, in front of the memorial and in a well defined flower bed are acceptable. Only plants that grow to a maximum of 18 inches are allowed. The flower bed should not exceed the width of the memorial or extend more than 12 inches away from it. Flower beds must be maintained or they will be removed.

Artificial flowers are permitted. Artificial flowers must be placed in an approved container such as a bronze vase. All decorations should be in good taste and of a construction that will not deteriorate in the elements. The cemetery reserves the right to remove any decorations when they become unsightly, weathered, or the construction deteriorates. Silk flowers are permitted; however, other decorations constructed with wire or Styrofoam are not permitted. Placement shall conform to the existing regulations governing fresh annuals. Care must be taken by the visitor who places the

artificial flowers that the arrangement is securely anchored in a vase. Vigil lights are allowed only in an approved container. They are not allowed during the winter months.

We Ask Your Cooperation

Please do not plant or place the following on gravesites: Rose bushes, peonies, irises, lilies of the valley, day lilies, gladiolas, yarrow or perennials that require exceptional care. Also, potted plants, hanging baskets, shepherd hooks, standing easels (except for Christmas wreaths), trees and shrubs are not allowed. No wire, glass containers, tin cans, ceramic or clay pots, aluminum foil, or other dangerous or unsightly material should be used to hold decorations. No plastic border edging, coping, fencing, bricks, bark, wood decorations, rocks, gravel, toys, or figurines are permitted around or on the memorial. Grave blankets are prohibited.

If any of the above items are found on the gravesites, they will be removed and discarded without notice. The cemetery is not responsible for these items, nor is it responsible for the theft or damage to anything placed on the gravesite.

Fall cleanup will be from November 1 through November 15. Lot owners are asked to remove all decorations by November 1. Winter decorations may be placed on graves after November 15. Winter cleanup will be from March 15 through April 15. Lot owners are asked to remove all winter decorations by March 15. Spring decorations may be placed on graves after April 15.

Please do not dispose of yard waste in the cemetery dumpster.

Mausoleums

Mausoleum entombment provides many advantages that ground burial does not. However, opportunities for families to express their sorrow through decorations are limited.

Decorating Chapel Mausoleums

Unfortunately, decorations are not allowed on the crypt fronts of the Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum. This is because these crypts are identified using individual bronze letters, leaving no uniform area for vase placement. Attaching mementos or flowers with adhesive or wire to these crypts is not

acceptable because of permanent stain to the marble and the possibility of litter.

Decorating Garden Mausoleums

You are asked to observe the following regulations when decorating the outside crypts in the St. Joseph, Queen of Heaven, Good Shepherd and St. Andrew Mausoleums:

All decorations must be in an approved bronze crypt vase available through the cemetery office. Outdoor crypt fronts are built with solid granite. This material is chosen for its hardness and durability. However, granite is also porous and will absorb stain. It is for this reason that you are not allowed to use any adhesive material, wire, or fresh flowers when decorating.

Silk flowers are permitted; however, they contain wire. Therefore, it is the responsibility of the crypt owner to make sure that the flowers are properly wrapped and no wire is exposed. Otherwise, the wire will rust and permanently stain the crypt front and/or bronze memorial. If rust occurs, the cemetery will replace the crypt front at the owners or their relative's expense. Please be careful that the decoration is securely placed in the vase. Decorations should not be attached to the bronze name plate.

For families who would like a photograph of their loved one on the crypt front, there is a process available that produces a permanent picture in your choice of acrylic or porcelain. The Family Services Counselor at the cemetery office can assist you with this. Paper photographs should not be attached to the crypt front because the paper will weather and soon become unattractive and a source of litter.

Mementos, flags, plastic toys, stickers, streamers, and other objects are not allowed on or around the crypt. They too will become unsightly and litter the grounds. Please do not place ceramic pots, glass jars, or decorations of any kind on the sidewalk in front of the crypts. This material is dangerous if it is broken and can also become litter.

All unauthorized decorations will be removed. The cemetery is not responsible for these items, and they will be disposed of by the maintenance staff.

The only exceptions to these regulations will be funeral decorations and Christmas wreaths. Christmas wreaths may be placed on outside crypts. Wreaths should not contain any metal and should be made entirely of

plastic. Wreaths with wires are not allowed. Wreaths should be attached with string to the crypt vase assembly in a manner so that they will not detach and blow in the wind. Wreaths will be removed by March 15 or earlier if they become unsightly.

Mausoleum crypt owners will be responsible for the replacement of the crypt fronts if damage is done from the use of unauthorized decorations.

Pets

The cemetery requests that pet owners follow the leash laws (which include cleanup) in force for the City of Madison.