



# *St. Mary & St. Stephen Cemeteries*

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## **CEMETERY RULES**

### **GRAVES**

Decorations may be placed within 8 inches of the grave marker. The individual who places a decoration by the grave marker is responsible for weeding around the decoration and removing it when it becomes faded or unsightly. The cemetery is not responsible for any lost, broken, or stolen decorations. The cemetery staff has the right to remove any decoration or item that they determine is detrimental to the appearance of the cemetery.

Planting trees or shrubs is not permitted without written approval from the cemetery administrator. Edging material, stone or brick retaining walls, glass containers, shepherd hooks, metal rods, statues in concrete, and other items that obstruct grass mowing and the operations of the cemetery are prohibited. These items will be removed by the cemetery staff.

Any holiday decorations must be removed within a week of the calendar date of the holiday.

Winter decoration on a grave must be removed by March 1<sup>st</sup> in preparation for Spring cleanup and grass cutting season. Any decoration remaining on a grave after this date will be removed by the cemetery staff.

### **SEEDING PROCESS OF A GRAVE**

After the burial, it takes time for the ground to settle before grass seed can be planted. The process is accelerated by running water over the grave. The next step is to add more dirt and level the ground. Finally, when the ground is prepped, the area will be seeded and strawed.

### **MAUSOLEUM AND COLUMBARIUM**

Crypt and niche vases for the mausoleum and columbarium are available for purchase through the cemetery office. Vases acquired by other means are not permitted. Placing decorations on the floor inside or outside of the mausoleum and columbarium is prohibited. Additionally, anything used to attempt to hang decorations that could damage the front of the crypt or niche; such as hooks, wires, tape or any adhesive, is prohibited.

### **MONUMENTS**

Please obtain prior approval from the Cemetery administration before purchasing a monument for a gravesite. Unauthorized monuments will be removed.

### **CEMETERY GATES OPEN DAILY AT 8 A.M. AND CLOSE AT DUSK**