

SACRED HEART CEMETERY

RULES AND REGULATIONS

THE SACRED HEART CEMETERY ASSOCIATION'S RULES AND REGULATIONS ARE CONSISTENT WITH THE GUIDELINES THAT APPEAR IN THE ALLENTOWN DIOCESE CEMETERY ADMINISTRATION MANUAL.

All lot owners on the Sacred Heart Cemeteries are subject to the following rules and regulations:

1. **NO** wires, stakes, or anchors of any kind are to be used to secure decorations in place.
2. Cemeteries will be cleaned and prepared for spring and winter each year. Any flowers / decorations you wish to keep must be removed before **MARCH 15** **AND AGAIN BEFORE NOVEMBER 15**. Cemetery authorities will discard all decorations not removed by these dates. (New flowers may be placed beginning Palm Sunday and Thanksgiving) Weathered unsightly decorations will be removed whenever deemed necessary.
3. The right is reserved to regulate the method of decorating lots so that uniform beauty may be maintained. The use of shells, toys, metal designs, hooks, ornamental flags, hanging pots, urns, glass containers, statues, wind chimes, balloons etc. are not permitted and such articles shall be removed by the Cemetery authorities.
4. **BLANKET SPRAYS AND WREATHS MUST BE ELEVATED. IE: SPRAYS 6" OFF THE GROUND AND WREATHS SHOULD BE ON EASELS** Arrangements will be removed if they are lying directly on the ground.
5. Only the cemetery staff is permitted to do reseeded, cutting, fertilizing.

IN ADDITION THE FOLLOWING RULES AND REGULATIONS APPLY

OLD CEMETERY:

1. Decorations in front of the upright markers should be confined to the width of the marker and extend in front of the marker no further than eight to ten inches (8-10). **The use of river stone and other decorative stone is prohibited and will be removed. No edging is permitted. (pre-cast border, plastic fence, etc.)**

NEW CEMETERY:

1. Flowers/Decorations may be placed in the vase or affixed to the vase assembly. Other decorations must be placed on the permanent memorial only. This can be done with twine.
2. **The Cemetery Authorities will remove flowers or decorations not placed on the memorial as well as permanent plantings of flowers or shrubs. Digging holes and placing potted plants in them is strictly prohibited. They will be removed.**

MARKERS:

1. Temporary (metal) grave marker must be replaced with permanent marker within **one year** of burial. After that time the temporary marker will be removed.
2. The Sacred Heart Cemetery Association must approve all memorial installations. If a memorial is purchased from a vendor other than Sacred Heart Cemetery Association, an application for the installation must be filed. Applications are available at the Rectory office. A fee will be charged for approval and supervision.
3. **Only Bronze flush markers are permitted at the New Cemetery and must be placed on a pre-cast concrete foundation.** Diocesan guidelines suggest a religious emblem be part of the marker.
4. **No granite markers are permitted at the New Cemetery.** The association is not responsible for cracking or damage to the existing flush granite markers.
5. **Homeowners' policies identify a cemetery lot as an insured location.** The base and marker on that lot are personal property. Insurance companies pay for direct physical loss to property insured under **Personal Property Coverage.**