


# GATE OF HEAVEN CEMETERY

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## Grounds Flower and Decoration Regulations

In order to maintain a level of care that our lot holders deserve, Gate of Heaven Cemetery has adopted the following regulations:

All grave floral decorations are to be of fresh flowers or artificial flowers only. Potted plants, glass or pottery containers and open flames are strictly prohibited. All floral decorations and all other decorations will be removed and discarded by cemetery personnel on a weekly schedule (printed schedule below). Turf may not be disturbed.

**Vases:** Only that type of permanent vase is permissible which is incorporated in the marker and when not in use, may be inverted and sunk in the ground. Vases should be placed inverted in the ground from December through February to prevent freezing and cracking.

**Trees and Landscaped Beds:** Decorating the surrounding trees, shrubs and landscape with ornaments, statues, wind chimes, bird feeders, stepping stones, shepherd's hooks, etc., is not permitted. Wire or other materials are prohibited from holding decorations in place. This is to prevent these items from being caught in equipment or being thrown from equipment and endangering our visitors and cemetery workers.

**Flags:** The placement of American flags shall be permitted on graves of Veterans of the Armed Forces and will be treated as all decorations.

The cemetery shall charge a fee, due at the time of delivery, for the placement of decorations delivered to the cemetery by outside vendors.

### **FRESH FLOWERS:**

**ALL FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS WILL BE REMOVED AND DISCARDED EACH TUESDAY BETWEEN VALENTINES DAY AND THANKSGIVING. REMOVAL OF HOLIDAY DECORATIONS WILL BE DELAYED ONE WEEK FOR MEMORIAL DAY. ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE REMOVED BEGINNING JANUARY 15, WEATHER PERMITTING.**

**THE CEMETERY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE THEFT, DISAPPEARANCE OR WILDLIFE DAMAGE OF ANY FLORAL ARRANGEMENT OR OTHER DECORATION AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO IMMEDIATELY REMOVE ANY DECORATION WHICH DOES NOT COMPLY WITH OUR DECORATION REGULATIONS.**

Pets, Fishing, Swimming, and Skating are prohibited on grounds and waterways.

### Visiting Hours

8 AM to Dusk

### Office Hours

Monday through Friday – 9 AM to 4:30 PM


Saturday – 9 AM to 1 PM

### Scheduled Religious Activities

Memorial Day Field Mass - 11 AM Memorial Day - May

Monthly Memorial Masses Held The Third Thursday of Every Month

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## Mausoleums/Columbaria Flower and Decoration Regulations

In order to maintain a level of care that our lot holders deserve, Gate of Heaven Cemetery has adopted the following regulations:

All mausoleum and columbaria floral decorations are to be of fresh flowers or artificial flowers only. Potted plants, glass or pottery containers and open flames are strictly prohibited. All fresh-cut flowers will be removed and discarded by cemetery personnel on a weekly schedule per the printed schedule below. All artificial flowers will be removed and discarded by cemetery personnel on a quarterly schedule per the printed schedule below. At no time may anything be attached or adhered to a crypt or niche front or hung from a vase or placed on the plaza level of the mausoleum complex.

**Vases:** Only that type of permanent vase offered by the cemetery is permissible.

**Trees and Landscaped Beds:** Decorating the surrounding trees, shrubs and landscape with ornaments, statues, wind chimes, bird feeders, stepping stones, shepherd's hooks, etc., is not permitted. Wire or other materials are prohibited from holding decorations in place. This is to prevent these items from being caught in equipment or being thrown from equipment and endangering our visitors and cemetery workers.

**Flags:** The placement of American flags shall be permitted on graves of Veterans of the Armed Forces and will be treated as all decorations.

The cemetery shall charge a fee, due at the time of delivery, for the placement of decorations delivered to the cemetery by outside vendors.

**ALL FRESH FLOWERS WILL BE REMOVED AND DISCARDED EACH TUESDAY BETWEEN VALENTINES DAY AND THANKSGIVING. REMOVAL OF FRESH FLOWERS WILL BE DELAYED ONE WEEK FOR MEMORIAL DAY. ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS WILL BE REMOVED THE THIRD TUESDAY OF FEBRUARY, MAY, AUGUST AND NOVEMBER. ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS WILL BE REMOVED BEGINNING JANUARY 15, WEATHER PERMITTING.**

**THE CEMETERY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE THEFT, DISAPPEARANCE OR WILDLIFE DAMAGE OF ANY FLORAL ARRANGEMENT OR OTHER DECORATION AND RESERVES THE RIGHT TO IMMEDIATELY REMOVE ANY DECORATION WHICH DOES NOT COMPLY WITH OUR DECORATION REGULATIONS.**

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### Visiting Hours

8 AM to Dusk

### Office Hours

Monday through Friday – 9 AM to 4:30 PM

Saturday – 9 AM to 1 PM

### Scheduled Religious Activities

Memorial Day Field Mass - 11 AM Memorial Day - May

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