



DECORATION GUIDELINES

UPDATED MARCH 1, 2025

FLOWER REGULATIONS

IN GROUND PLOTS

FLOWERS AT TIME OF INTERMENT

On the day of interment, regardless of the time of year, any type of floral tribute is permitted. For up to seven (7) days following an interment, these floral tributes will remain at the gravesite unless they wither, deteriorate or otherwise become unsightly. After seven (7) days, at the discretion of the cemetery grounds team, these flowers will be removed without notice.

FLOWER REGULATIONS AT OTHER TIMES

We understand and respect the need for families to show love and remembrance for their deceased through the placement of floral tributes at gravesites. By following the regulations, families can be assured such placements will be permitted to remain undisturbed on gravesites for as long as reasonably possible. No glass, ceramic or metal vases are permitted due to safety of visitors and staff.

APRIL 1 TO OCTOBER 31

Only fresh cut flowers may be placed on graves and they must fit and be placed in containers approved by the cemetery. In addition to fresh cut flowers, the only acceptable artificial flowers will be saddle arrangements placed on top of the memorial or a vase mounted on the base of a headstone. Potted plants, and wreaths are not permitted during these months and will be removed without notice.

NOVEMBER 1 TO MARCH 31

In addition to fresh cut flowers, the only acceptable artificial flowers will be saddle arrangements placed on top of the memorial or a vase mounted on the base of a headstone. Seasonal wreaths and sprays are also permitted in these months so long as they are not inconsistent with the dignity of or infringe on adjacent lots.

FLOWER RESTRICTIONS & REMOVALS

Fresh flowers and artificial floral tributes which have withered, deteriorated or otherwise become unsightly may be removed at any time without notice. No trees, shrubs, flowering or other plants may be placed on any gravesite or in any garden. Unauthorized plantings are subject to removal without notice.



OTHER DECORATIONS/ADORNMENTS

Articles, decorations or adornments that constitute a hazard to the public, employees or machinery and/or are unsightly, do not conform to the approved plan of the Cemetery or are inconsistent with the dignity of adjacent lots are subject to removal without notice.

At no time are unattended candles, incense, oil lamps or other flammable articles allowed within the cemetery. Any items such as ornaments, potted flowers, stuffed toys, flowers not within approved vases, or other loose memorial items may be removed at any time by cemetery staff without notice.

GRAVE COVERS AND CURBING

No gravesite or burial space shall be covered with a slab of cement or other material nor any loose materials such as rock, mulch or brick. Plots or graves are not to have borders, fences, railings, curbs, or any enclosure in or around their perimeter. If gravesite or burial space is covered Cemetery staff reserves the right to remove without notice.

COLUMBARIA

NICHE FACEPLATES

Ornamental decorations are not permitted unless approved by Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax. The cemetery grounds team have been instructed to remove ornamental decorations that do not comply with the Rules and Regulations. Bud vases are available for application to niche faceplates from Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax. Only vases purchased from Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax or a recognized dealer, are permitted to be adhered to the niche panel.

VASES

Vases containing flowers or potted flowers must not exceed 6" in diameter and 12" in height (including flowers or plants). Glass or other breakable containers are not permitted as they are a hazard to other visitors and cemetery staff. Vases containing flowers or potted plants may be removed at any time by cemetery staff without notice.

OTHER DECORATIONS/ADORNMENTS

Articles, decorations or adornments that constitute a hazard to the public, employees or machinery and/or are unsightly, do not conform to the approved plan of the Cemetery or are inconsistent with the dignity of adjacent lots are subject to removal without notice. Wreaths, rocks, large arrangements and other decorations inconsistent with Catholic Cemeteries of Halifax rules and regulations may be removed by cemetery staff without notice.