

Winton Cemetery District

POLICY ON DECORATING GRAVES

The following rules will be enforced to maintain the best interests of all families and visitors. In order to maintain the beautification of our cemetery, provide safety and keep the expense of maintenance at a minimum, we kindly ask that the following regulations be observed for all gravesites, cremation, baby, and niche areas:

1. The only decorations allowed will be flowers/arrangements (any adornments must be affixed by wire/glue, artificial or fresh) in the one or two permanent vases purchased with the headstone. No permanent plants can be planted in these vases. No sand, gravel, plaster, rocks or wax shall be placed in vases. Only small American flags are allowed in flag holes only. Please request the drilling of flag holes at the office.
2. Artificial flowers/arrangements in the approved vases will be removed when they become faded or unsightly at the discretion of cemetery personnel.
3. Arches, glass, figurines, statues, balloons, vases, containers, any non-floral, stand-alone decorations, metal hooks, plant hangers, solar lights or battery- operated system, headstone flower saddles, bird houses, pin wheels, toys, candles or any other items are not allowed on the headstone, the marker foundation or the plot. No items are to be placed on the ground in front of a niche or mausoleum because of safety concerns for all visitors.
4. Plastic coverings or any other type of material is not allowed on any headstone.
5. **NO items are allowed on the grass area.**
6. The Winton Cemetery District will make every reasonable effort to care for flowers properly placed in the vases but we cannot accept responsibility for loss due to theft, wind or other causes beyond our control.
7. **** We remove anything out of policy with no notice. The Winton Cemetery District will not store any items that have been removed. ****

REMOVAL OF FLOWERS

It is the policy of the Winton Cemetery District to remove unsightly flowers or arrangements whether it be fresh or artificial. Artificial flowers/arrangements will be treated the same as fresh flowers. Flowers must be left in a plastic vase/container on the head of the grave. Once you have a marker, flowers must be in their designated flower cups, container, or vases on the foundation. Additional flower /arrangements will be removed as necessary to maintain lawns during the mowing season. When flowers start to discolor, fade or deteriorate, cemetery employees will remove and dispose of them.

We thank you for your cooperation!

Please don't hesitate to call the office with any questions (209) 358-3703 regarding decoration placement and approval.

For your protection, please watch your step throughout the cemetery as our grounds are uneven and there is curbing throughout the cemetery.