

Winton Cemetery District
Flower and Decoration Policy
Amended 11/12/2025

Definitions

Flowers: the seed-bearing part of a plant

Decorations: the process or art of decorating or adorning something

Permanent Vases: cups flushed into the ground, marble/granite vases.

Adornments: a thing which adorns or decorates

Fixed: Put together

Permanent plants: Living, grows roots.

District: Shall mean the Winton Cemetery District

Concrete slab: Cement slab (purchased and installed by cemetery District) that a marker goes on top of or flushed into.

IMPORTANT: The Winton Cemetery District shall remove any items that do not comply with this policy and shall include but are not limited to; broken, faded, and/or items in poor repair or condition. The District shall not give any further notice beyond this policy. All items that are removed shall be disposed of immediately at that time and no assumption of storage of items shall be made.

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Grave with existing headstone:

- All decorations and flowers must be in the permanent vases purchased with the slab. Decorations may only be placed in flower cans and vases in concrete slab (purchased and installed by cemetery District).
- Any adornments must be fixed by wire and or glue.
- Vases must not contain any sand, gravel, plaster, rocks, or wax.
- No permanent plants may be placed in these vases.
- All decorations and flower arrangements must be small enough to not obstruct mowing, trimming, or grounds maintenance. :
 - Decorations are limited to a maximum height of 18 inches measured from the cement slab.
 - If vases are on the base of the headstone decorations may not be higher than 10 inches above the top of the vase.
- Headstone coverings are not permitted.
- No items shall be permitted to be placed on concrete slab or grass area.

Grave with rock number (no headstone/slab):

- All decorations and flowers must be in one plastic container/vase on top of your rock number, until your cement slab is placed at the grave. Plastic container/vase shall be firmly secured.
- No permanent plants may be placed in these vases. All other decoration and flower policies shall apply.

Niche's:

- All decorations and flowers must be in your permanent vases purchased with the Niche.
- No items shall be permitted to be placed or left on the ground in front of the Niche.
- No permanent plants may be placed in flower vase.
- You may only place a small flower arrangement in your vase. Arrangements shall not obstruct another Niche plate.

Solar Lights:

All in ground gravesites are limited to one solar light per flower vase/can not to exceed a total of two solar lights per gravesite, and shall meet these requirements:

- Solar lights must be securely attached on a stick or rod, made of durable wood, plastic, or metal, and may only have one light per rod/stick.
- No draped lights will be permitted.
- Solar lights shall not have glass components.
- Solar lights must abide by the size limitations that are noted under grave with existing headstone.
- Niche's will not be permitted to have solar lights.

Under no circumstances may you have any of the following items:

Arches, fences, glass, balloons, candles, metal hooks, plant hangers, bird houses, pots, headstone flower saddles, food, drinks, any other items that may be breakable, absorbent of water (stuffed animals, cardboard/paper, clothing, bandanas, etc.), battery operated (other than allowed elsewhere in this policy), and shall not create a safety hazard.

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The District will make every reasonable effort to care for flowers and decorations properly placed in the vases but we cannot accept responsibility for loss due to theft, wind, or other causes beyond our control.

REMOVAL OF FLOWERS

It is the policy of the Winton Cemetery District to remove unsightly flowers or arrangements whether it be fresh or artificial. Flowers/arrangements will be removed as necessary to maintain lawns during the mowing season. When flowers start to discolor, fade, or deteriorate, the District will remove and dispose of them with no notice.