

Forest Hills Flower & Decoration Policy

Effective July 1, 2010 and subject to change or amendment

One of the most difficult and emotional challenges a perpetual care cemetery faces are the establishment and enforcement of its floral and decoration policies. We have attempted to give our families some freedoms in decorating yet still provide a safe cemetery for visitors to stop by and our employees to work in.

This new policy supersedes and replaces all previous policies written, spoken or implied.

The policies below are created with the following thought and consideration (see attached letter):

1. Safety of visitors.
2. Safety of our employees.
3. Efficiency – the ability of our staff to mow, weed eat and maintain the grounds.

Flower & Decoration Policy

1. Flowers, flags and any other decorations must be confined to the flower vase. As a rule of thumb, if it will fit in the vase and providing that it is not excessive, meets size guidelines, and contains no breakable items (see #2 below and measurement guidelines sheet) we will most likely permit it. No gluing, taping, wiring or otherwise affixing items to the vase or memorial.
2. No breakable items permitted at any time – **even if in the vase**. Broken debris can be thrown by mowing equipment and injure visitors and employees. Debris can also damage equipment or cause tire problems on equipment.
3. If no permanent memorial is installed at the time of death, we will allow a temporary marker supplied by the funeral home for 3 months. After that date, it will be removed by staff.
4. All memorials must comply with size, material, and location policies. No foot markers or granite allowed in bronze sections. No new corner markers allowed. Forest Hills must perform all installations.

Items no longer authorized after **July 1, 2010**:

1. Shepherd's hooks.
2. Metal trellis or flag holders.
3. Customized metal works of any kind to be placed in ground at or near markers.
4. Trinkets and mementos – these include but are not limited to toys, rocks, dolls, candles, globes, etc.
5. No separate solar lights, solar angels, solar crosses, solar globes, solar lighting UNLESS it will fit in the vase with the flowers.
6. No separate benches or chairs. You may bring a chair with you during your visitation time and take it with you when you leave.
7. No planting of live flowers, shrubs, trees and any other landscaping materials.
8. No decorative rocks, pebbles, gravels, brick chips, timbers, trellis, etc.
9. Separate statues or figurines unless they fit in the flower vase.
10. Potted plants.
11. Artificial or live flowers in separate vases, buckets, stands, easels, etc.
12. *Any other hazard not defined above but deemed excessive, dangerous, improper or unsafe.

Neither Forest Hills Memory Gardens nor its employees accept any liability for damages due to lost, missing or stolen decorations of any kind. You are placing flowers and decorations at your own risk.

Any flower or decoration found outside of the vase will be checked by staff for a name identification tag and be placed in the vase. If we cannot determine where the flower goes, it will be discarded in the trash.