



The City of Worcester

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Hope Cemetery
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GENERAL RULES IN DECORATING OF PLOTS

1. The Cemetery can authorize removal of all floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, plants, or garbage of any kind from the Cemetery as soon as, in the Supervisor's opinion, they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, or diseased, or when they do not conform to set standard. The Cemetery may regulate the method of decorating plots.
2. All requests for plantings, i.e., shrubs, hedges, of any kind, should be addressed to the Commissioner or designee. (Certain areas are not allowed any kind of plantings).
3. Glass receptacles may **not** be placed on a lot.
4. **Only one flowerbed** per lot is permitted per monument lot. The flowerbed may only be dug in front of the monument and may not extend beyond the length of the base of the monument. All flowerbeds must not extend out more than a foot from monument. No flowering shrubs i.e. Rose bushes or any kind of flowering plant which produces thorns are allowed. No shrubs or hedges of any kind are allowed.
5. **No** marble or other stone landscaping, such as rock chips, bricks, gravel is not allowed. Concrete brick or other type stone curbing or edging block is not allowed. A flowerbed is **not permitted** behind or at the sides of the monument.
6. **No** roses (bushes - shrubs), azaleas, rhododendrons, boxwoods, privets, spireas, lilacs, barberry, sunflowers, vegetable / fruit plants, any type of vines, viburnums, or other non-needle type shrubs or woody plants, trees shall be permitted.
7. All urns or planters may only adorn grave between May 1st and Oct. 1st. They must otherwise be removed. Cemetery personnel will clean the entire cemetery during the months of April and October.
8. **No** in-ground planting is allowed on **flat marker sites**, (single graves or foot stones). Including flat markers located on monument lots.
9. **No** homemade markers, monuments, crosses or other ornamental type of similar articles will be allowed on lots.
10. **No** type of fencing is allowed on gravesites (monument or flat marker locations)
11. **No** watering containers of any kind are to be left on lots.
12. **No** placing of boxes, shells, toys metal designs, balloons, gazing balls, ornaments, chairs settees, vases, glass, wood, crockery or iron cases, or containers and similar articles, upon plots is allowed, if so placed, the cemetery will remove them.
13. All fitting, adornments and urns shall be and are hereby declared to be subject to the Cemetery's control and acceptance or rejection.
14. **No** items of any kind will be allowed to be hung, tied, taped, or nailed from the Cemetery trees.
15. **Please review** page 4 for further clarification if needed in the Hope Cemetery Rule Regulation Booklet. The rules will be enforced by Cemetery Personnel with **no prior notification**.