



Brookside Cemetery Decorations RULES AND REGULATIONS

FLOWERS AND PLANTS:

- The placing of individual pots or plants in the ground is prohibited. Beds may be established by obtaining permission from the Cemetery Superintendent. The construction and placement of the beds must be under the supervision of the Cemetery Superintendent and must be cared for by the lot owners.
- Flowers may be placed in pots or urns above the ground and in line with markers or monuments. One pot only to be placed on each grave.
- The Cemetery reserves the right to remove or relocate any flowers or urns not placed or cared for according to the Rules and Regulations.
- The planting of any flowers, shrubs, vines, or trees is prohibited except with permission from the Cemetery Superintendent.
- Pruning, trimming, or removal of any tree, shrub, or plant is under the supervision of the Cemetery Superintendent and may not be done without permission.
- Cut Flowers may be placed upon any lot or grave at any time. However, glass and pottery containers are strictly prohibited and will be removed.
- No Shepherds Hooks and/or Decorative Flag Holders or Solar Lights.

IF YOUR FLOWERS AND FLOWERPOTS ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE ABOVE REGULATIONS THEY WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE LOT. PLEASE COOPERATE.

SPRING & SUMMER DECORATIONS are allowed from May 15 – October 1. All decorations must be removed by October 1 of each year, or they will be removed by Cemetery personnel.

FALL & WINTER DECORATIONS are allowed from November 15 – April 1. All decorations must be removed by April 1 of each year, or they will be removed by Cemetery personnel.

NO PETS ALLOWED IN THE CEMETERY

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CEMETERY HOURS

- Cemetery grounds shall be open each day, including Sundays and holidays or as otherwise posted. The Cemetery will be closed daily to the public from dusk until 5:00 AM.

BURIAL & LOTS

- All burials which include adults, children, babies, and cremations must have some type of grave liner. This is to minimize the possibility of grave settling or collapse.
- Walkways may be purchased as a burial space when necessary and do not interfere with maintenance or adjoining lots. Walkways can be purchased at the cost of a regular burial space with permission from the Cemetery Superintendent.
- No Sunday burials allowed.

DEEDS

- Brookside Cemetery does not transfer deeds.
- The owner of a cemetery lot may give the right of burial to anyone they wish in writing and a copy must remain on file with the Cemetery office.
- Deed holders may surrender their original Deed for unused gravesites to Brookside Cemetery for reimbursement of the original purchase price minus admin fee. If appropriate, these graves will then be available for purchase at current pricing.
- Deeds are purchased at Brookside Cemetery, 501 N. Union Street. Payment in full is required at the time of purchase. Checks should be made payable to "City of Tecumseh".

MAUSOLEUM & COLUMBARIUM

- *Mausoleum or Vaults:* Individual or Family Mausoleums are no longer allowed in Brookside Cemetery.
- *Refusal of permit for mausoleum erection:* The city shall have the right to refuse a permit for the erection of any structure, which in the opinion of the City Manager is improper or not in harmony with other surrounding structures.
- *Endowment for upkeep:* Permanent arrangements for the endowment of a mausoleum or vault will be required for the owner or the owner's legal representative before a permit for the construction of the mausoleum or above ground vault can be obtained. The endowment must be sufficient to assure adequate funds for the upkeep and maintenance of the structure and grounds based upon present and project costs. (An estimated 20% of the present and projects costs). If permanent arrangements for upkeep are not provided, endowment will be required sufficient for demolition costs in the event disrepair or deterioration.

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- *Removal of neglected mausoleums and above ground vaults:* Any mausoleum or above ground vault which becomes unsightly or dangerous, through neglect by the owner or the lack of funds may be removed and the remains therein buried in the lot. The cost of removing the structure shall be taken out of the vault or mausoleum endowment fund and the balance returned to the persons entitled to the same.
- *City's right to enforce rules:* All endowment certificates for the maintenance of mausoleums or vaults shall contain a clause that will give the City the right to enforce any rules adopted by it.
- *Benches:* Benches are permitted in Brookside Cemetery as headstones only. No benches are allowed at the foot of graves.
- *Delivery and Installation:* Spring delivery and installation of headstones begin as the weather permits. Fall/Winter delivery and installation cutoff is September 20th.
- Family members with entombments in the mausoleum will receive the combination to access door operations. If you require assistance after hours, you may contact the Cemetery Superintendent at 517-403-2239.
- No Tape or Glue on columbarium niches.
- Minimal decorations must be contained within crypt area.

BURIAL OCCUPANCY LIMITS

- The number of burials per grave is one (1). The number of cremation burials per grave is two (2)

MONUMENTS & MARKERS

- Materials for markers or monuments shall be granite or cut stone from recognized quarries or standard bronze. Bronze may be used for markers extending above grade only if attached to a granite or concrete base. This does not prohibit the use of standard metal markers of the type used by veteran organizations. All Foundations shall have a 2-inch boarder around the headstone or marker.

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In preparation for winter months, all flowers in the ground and decorations (shepherd hooks, solar lights, landscaping decorations, decorative flags and holders, plastic flower holders in the ground, faded flowers, plastic stemmed flowers not in pots) need to be removed by October 1st. Cemetery staff will remove anything remaining on October 2nd. Fall/Winter decorations can be placed after November 15th to April 1st in concrete or clay flower pots. If you have questions about what is acceptable, please contact the Cemetery office at 517-423-3632 or 517-403-2239. This is an attempt to keep our cemetery clean and our staff safe.



Acceptable decorations



Unacceptable decorations

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