

D. MEMORIAL DECORATION REGULATIONS

The placement of flowers and memorials at the graves of loved ones is a time-honored tradition. To ensure this tradition is followed in a consistent manner that enhances the beauty of the cemetery and sets a uniform policy for all visitors, the following regulations have been adopted.

- 1) The Orland Cemetery District is not responsible for lost, stolen, damaged or displaced decorations, memorials or personal items placed on or around the interment area. This limitation includes damage that may be done to items by District vehicles, weed eaters, and other equipment essential to cemetery maintenance and the performing of interments. Leaving items at an interment site is done solely at your own risk.
- 2) Any suspected theft of personal goods from District grounds is within the authority of the local law enforcement agency and should be reported to them.
- 3) All items left at the interment site must fit within the monument pad and/or flower-vase. Items placed outside of the monument pad and/or flower-vase will be removed and discarded.
- 4) If no memorial marker is in place, memorial items left at the interment site must not exceed an area of 18"x 30. Memorial items must not have a solid foundation that would block irrigation from reaching the grass.
- 5) All memorial items may not exceed 36 inches in height. Items may not be affixed to memorials by adhesives (glue, tape, etc.).
- 6) To ensure the safety of staff and the integrity of cemetery operations, all memorial items placed on grave sites must not exceed 10 pounds in total weight. Large, heavy, or oversized items that cannot be safely lifted and removed by a single staff member may be subject to removal without notice.
- 7) The Board reserves the right to remove from any Plot, Marker, Headstone, Monument or other structure, trees, flowers or plants (plastic or real), or other objects which may conflict with the Rules and Regulations, or which may be considered a safety hazard or maintenance obstruction to the grounds, lawns, plots, or person. Mylar balloons, pinwheels, shepherd's hooks, statuary, and trinkets are prohibited.
- 8) No picket fences, glass or breakable items, or alcoholic beverage containers are allowed to be left on cemetery grounds or monument pad.
- 9) Digging or making holes on District grounds is prohibited, to include digging around a monument pad or driving objects into the ground.

- 10) Flowers may be placed only in vases provided in the ground or granite vases on Marker Foundations or, if not yet installed, in unbreakable containers placed at the head of the Plot. Not more than two (2) vases/containers shall be permitted on anyone (1) in-ground plot. Flowers in such containers will be removed by District personnel as they become unsightly. Any flowers or items disposed of by the Plot Owner should be placed in trash receptacles provided for that purpose throughout the Cemetery grounds. Unauthorized containers will be removed by District personnel.
- 11) Flowers that are placed on newly buried graves as part of the interment ceremony and have not become unsightly in their appearance may remain for a maximum of three (3) days, with the service day counting as one (1) day. All flowers and memorial items will be removed on the fourth (4) day or on the first scheduled mowing day thereafter.
- 12) Removal of items in violation of the rules may occur at any time. The District is not liable for items removed and discarded in accordance with District policies. Items removed and discarded cannot be retrieved from the disposal area. These policies are in effect for all burials recently or otherwise.
- 13) Harassment, verbal abuse, or aggressive behavior towards employees enforcing these policies will not be tolerated and will result in removal from the grounds and additional law enforcement action as needed.

Amended and approved on: May 13, 2025 (3) Beale, Donnelley & Tefelski