

Part IV Flowers and Memorialisation

Responsibility

56. All items placed in the Cemetery by the public shall be at their own risk. The City accepts no responsibility for any damaged or missing items.

Permanent Items

57. Only approved Monuments, markers or approved parts thereof are considered permanent items and are permitted to remain in the Cemetery year-round.

Perennials, Trees and Shrubs

58. The City reserves the right to plant and remove any perennial flowers, shrubs and trees and to landscape or carry out any improvements to the grounds.

At the time of Interment

59. All types of flowers and other items are permitted on the grave the day of the burial and shall be left for a period of seven calendar days following interment. Any time after this period, the items shall be removed and disposed of by the City.

Annual Flowers and Flower Beds

60. The following guidelines apply in respect of annual flowers and flower beds:
- (a) flowers in containers that are not part of the approved Monument shall be removed and disposed of, however, Cemetery staff shall not remove flowers placed in vases that are part of an approved Monument;
 - (b) flower beds, composed of annuals, may be planted at the grave (except in military and flat marker sections) subject to the following guidelines:
 - (i) the City assumes no responsibility for the appearance, maintenance, and fall cleanup of annual flower beds, further, if flower beds are neglected they shall be removed;
 - (ii) the outer edge of the flower bed cannot exceed the width of the concrete foundation or flat marker and cannot extend more than 46 cm (18 inches) out at the center;

- (iii) the flower bed shall be crescent shaped and located immediately in front of the marker or foundation at the head of the grave only;
 - (iv) only annual flowers that do not re-grow and achieve a maximum height of adjacent monument can be planted in approved flower beds; and;
 - (v) any artificial flowers, potted plants, perennials, lawn-edging, non-natural/such items, which includes but are not limited to the following: solar lights, chimes, rocks, stepping stones or other decorative items shall be removed and disposed of by the City;
- (c) all other items placed on a grave, flower bed, Monument or concrete foundation are considered temporary and are removed and disposed of weekly by the City;
 - (d) all vases in the flat marker sections must be inverted from November 1 to March 31, and the City assumes no responsibility for missing or damaged vases or flowers; and
 - (e) all items placed at graves shall be removed only as needed to accommodate interments or if deemed hazardous, excessive, or inappropriate by the City.

Decorative Elements

61. (1) To preserve the proper appearance of the Cemetery, the City may remove any memorial or memorialisation when it is objectionable, or its removal is otherwise considered necessary by the City. For clarity, non-natural items, include but are not limited to the following: solar lights, chimes, rocks, stepping stones, flags, poles, or other decorative elements that are not permanent would be objectionable.
- (2) The City shall not be responsible for any loss occasioned by any person as a result of the removal of the memorial or memorialisation nor disposal of the memorial or memorialisation.
- (3) Artificial or natural flowers may only be attached to the columbarium or a family columbarium in approved vases, one per niche, available for purchase from the Cemetery office. Arrangements shall not encroach upon other niches. No other ornamentation or memorial item is to be attached to or hung from the columbarium or family columbarium or vase. The City reserves the right to remove such items and dispose of them without notice and without liability.

Bench or Tree

62. (1) Any person may, upon review and payment of the appropriate fee, commemorate the life of a person(s) on a memorial tree or bench.
- (2) The memorialisation is subject to the approval of the City, which shall limit such memorialisations to people who are either interred in Woodlawn Cemetery, or who have lived in Saskatoon at some point in their lives.

Cemetery Grounds Keeping Responsibilities

63. (1) The rules and regulations governing the Cemetery provide for an orderly, well-groomed, quiet sanctuary. To achieve and maintain that status requires a joint effort between the cemetery staff and cemetery patrons. Those persons owning rights to burial and those having deceased loved ones interred within the cemetery need to be aware of the policies that regulate activities so that no misunderstandings or problems occur.
- (2) All work in the Cemetery, including but not limited to, interments, disinterments, plantings, landscaping, grading, record keeping, placement of grave markers, grounds keeping, watering, construction and all maintenance, improvement and beautifying of the grounds shall be done by the City, private work by citizens or companies other than memorialisations, as described in sections 59 and 60 of these Regulations, is prohibited unless the permission of the Cemetery Superintendent is sought and obtained, in advance, and the work is performed under the supervision of the Cemetery Superintendent.
- (3) However, under no circumstances shall the Cemetery Superintendant grant permission to another to complete any upkeep of the Cemetery which is provided by the City, including but not limited to mowing grass at reasonable intervals, laying sod and reseeding, filling sunken graves, sprinkler irrigation or other turf maintenance, trimming trees and shrubs, removing wilted flowers and decorations, edging around headstones and other clean up, as needed.