

Mary's Children Cemetery

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Flower and Decoration Policies

A. Responsibility

The Cemetery is responsible for removing all funeral flowers, leveling the grave and replacing sod. If a family wants to keep any funeral flowers, they should retrieve them by the day after the funeral. Our volunteers will assume the remaining items are not wanted and will remove them. Please report any needed maintenance to the office.

The Cemetery is not responsible for any theft or damage to gravestones, vases, urns, flowers or ornaments which may occur through accident, vandalism, weather or any other circumstances. Do not use valuable or sentimental items to decorate graves.

The Cemetery volunteers will clean the gravesites every 2nd and 4th Saturday during the summer months of April to October and every 2nd Saturday during the winter months of November to March. The mowing crew has full discretion to remove any items to make maintenance safe and efficient at any time.

B. Examples of items that will be removed include:

- a. Poles, flags, banners, crosses, wreaths and vases with prongs and other items stuck into the ground
- b. Windblown, loose, out of season, deteriorated or weathered flowers
- c. Wicker baskets or flower containers of glass, household plastic or metal
- d. Toys, ornaments, ceramics, angels, candles rings and garden steppingstones
- e. Angels, figurines and statuary which is not designed as a integral part of a gravestone. Do Not place figurines on a monument, a base, the foundation, concrete or the grass
- f. Styrofoam and plastic novelty items (“MOM”, “DAD” or plastic novelty flags or wreaths), whether stuck into the ground, in a vase, hanging from something, or stuck to a marker
- g. Food, tobacco, alcohol, drugs, and their container
- h. Unused or deteriorated urns, eternal lights, vases, urns or pots
- i. Any other extra decorations not specifically listed may also be removed at the discretion of the volunteer

C. All removed items (excluding flowers) will be available on a shelf outside the WOMB radio office for 2 weeks after removal. If items are not collected by that time, we will dispose of items accordingly.

Ave Maria, Kimberly Schneidt, cemetery volunteer