

FLOWER & DECORATION POLICY

We are dedicated to preserving the tradition of decorating graves with flowers and memorials while maintaining a safe and pleasant environment in our cemetery. To do so, the following policy has been established for all visitors.

DECORATIONS. All items left at the gravesite must fit within the marker (headstone) area. Items placed outside of the marker area will be removed and discarded. If no marker is in place, items left at the interment site must not exceed an area of 18" x 30". All memorial items may not exceed 36 inches in height.

THE FOLLOWING ARE NOT PERMITTED AT ANY TIME AND WILL BE REMOVED IMMEDIATELY:

- Decoration of the cemetery landscaping – e.g. trees, shrubs, lawns, statues, and features.
- Rocks, pebbles, beads, confetti, mylar balloons and handmade headstones/markers. (Small Jewish memorial rocks are permitted directly on headstones only.)
- Alcoholic beverages/containers, smoking and/or drug paraphernalia.
- Solar lights, statues, ornaments, glass/ceramic items, or planter boxes/pots
- Use of flowers, garland, decorative fencing or other items to outline the boundaries of the gravesites, crypts, or niches.
- Decorations should not infringe on gravesites of neighboring gravesites.
- Fireworks, open flames including candles, discharging of firearms and all other flammable or combustible materials are prohibited.
- Note: The Cemetery encourages the use of fresh-cut flowers only and discourages leaving items of sentimental value at any time.

FUNERAL FLOWERS. New interments bearing funeral flower arrangements will be kept for five (5) days after the loved one's committal services. Families wishing to keep funeral flowers are advised and encouraged to retrieve them from the gravesite before leaving the cemetery on the day of their services.

VASES. Flowers must be placed in vases approved by and installed by the cemetery. Vases may be purchased through the cemetery office. The cemetery does not permit the use of outside vases or any other types of flower containers. This includes but is not limited to, glass vases, plastic vases, or clay pots. Hermosa Gardens Cemetery cannot warrant or protect vases on property, they are unfortunately purchased and placed at the property owner's own risk.

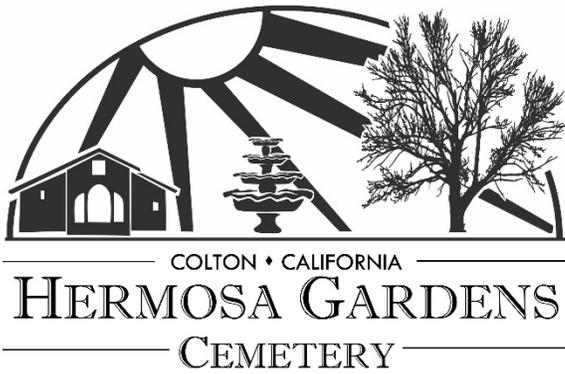
FRESH FLOWERS. Fresh cut flowers are permitted in vases (permanent containers) any time.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS. Artificial flowers are permissible if placed in a permanent vase, but the location and use of such flowers shall be subject to the policies and procedures listed above. Artificial flowers and grave decorations are permitted on any location in moderation.

REMOVAL. Flowers placed on gravesites, crypts, and niches will be removed every Monday to allow for the maintenance of the cemetery. Exceptions to the removal schedule are made to accommodate Seasonal events. Please check with the cemetery office regarding Seasonal Schedules as they may change.

SEASONAL DECORATION EXTENSIONS. Grave decorations and flowers will not be removed on the week following Mother's Day, Easter, Memorial Day, Father's Day, and Veterans Day. For the Christmas & December Holiday families will be allowed to decorate from one week before the Holiday and one week after, this year December 19, 2023 – January 6, 2024. In future years, please keep an eye out for signs posted in November.

Please remember that the placement by families of flowers and decorations at any location inside cemetery grounds is done at the family's risk. Hermosa Gardens Cemetery is not responsible for lost, stolen, discarded or disturbed items under any circumstances.



VISITORS CODE OF CONDUCT

Hermosa Gardens Cemetery is a place of solemnity, respect, and remembrance, where families and friends come to pay their respects to their loved ones. Hermosa Gardens is not a public park and visitors should uphold the following guidelines to ensure a peaceful environment for all.

- A. **RESPECT.** Visitors should show respect for the deceased and their resting places. Avoid any behavior that may be disruptive or disrespectful.
- B. **QUIET AND REVERENT BEHAVIOR.** Maintain a quiet and respectful demeanor while on cemetery grounds. Loud talking, music, or disruptive activities are prohibited.
- C. **CEMETERY HOURS.** Our cemetery is open to visitors Monday – Sunday, from 7:00 AM through Sunset, (5pm November – February and 6pm March – October). We kindly ask that all visitors leave the cemetery by closing. Trespassing outside of these hours is strictly prohibited to protect the tranquility of the cemetery grounds.
- D. **NO SMOKING OR ALCOHOL.** Smoking and alcohol consumption is not allowed.
- E. **GATHERINGS.** Visitors should not set up tents, tables, chairs, or any other furniture for gatherings, as this may disturb the peace of others' graves and quiet time. Food preparation/serving is not allowed. No athletic equipment or playing of sports, including football or soccer, is allowed on the cemetery grounds. Children under 18 must be supervised at all times.
- F. **DECORATIONS AND OFFERINGS.** If you wish to leave flowers, wreaths, or other decorations, ensure they are appropriate and comply with the cemetery's Flower & Decoration Policy (listed on back). Glass containers, baskets, boxes, pots, jars, cans, wires, and any other materials are not permitted on sodded grass areas. No fencing around graves or markers.
- G. **FOLLOW TRAFFIC RULES.** When driving through the cemetery, stay on paved road, do not drive on grass, obey all traffic signs and speed limits. Be mindful of pedestrians, cemetery staff who are working, and funeral processions.
- H. **PRIVACY AND BOUNDARIES.** Be considerate of funeral services and grieving families. Keep a respectful distance and avoid intruding on their private moments.
- I. **LEAVE NO TRACE.** If you bring items to the cemetery, take them with you when you leave. Do not leave behind any trash or personal belongings. Help keep the cemetery clean and beautiful for everyone.

Any behavior considered improper by the cemetery manager will be considered a violation of the rules, and the visitor may be asked to leave the grounds immediately. Such behavior includes, but is not limited to: fighting, yelling or cursing at others, rummaging through trash cans, bathing persons or pets, washing vehicles, failing to follow the rules above, and any other disruptive or disrespectful behavior.