

## **SEASONAL RULES FOR GRAVE SITE DECORATIONS**

### **Growing season**

For the purposes of this section, the term **growing season** shall mean the period each year commencing April 15 - October 15. During the growing season, the following grave site decorations are permitted:

- a.) Natural flowers, provided such flowers are placed in pin type or other approved vase. Permanent vases are prohibited. Permanent upright vases installed prior to the adoption of these rules and regulations may continue to be used, but must be lowered to ground level during the non-growing season
- b.) Potted plants, provided that such plants are positioned close to the front of the marker and not more than one six inch (6") or eight inch (8") diameter pot is placed at any grave site.
- c.) Boxed plants, provided that such plants are placed in wood or plastic boxes not larger than fifteen inches (15") by eight inches (8") and not more than one boxed plant is placed at any grave site.
- d.) Flags, provided that flags may be placed not more than three days prior to Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veteran's Day and are removed no later than the first business day thereafter.
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e.) Hinged veterans emblems set flush with the ground, provided that such emblem shall be set in the upright position not more than three days prior to Memorial Day, Independence Day and Veteran's Day and shall be returned to the lowered position not later than the first business day thereafter.

Boxes and pots shall be placed on the grass and shall be placed in front of, and as close as possible to the memorial. Artificial flowers are prohibited during the growing season.

### **Non-Growing Season**

For the purpose of this section, the term non-growing season shall mean the period of each year prior to March 1 and/or after November 15. During the non-growing season artificial flowers, placed in stands, approved vases, pots or boxes in the same manner as provided for natural plants in boxes and pots hereinabove, shall be permitted decorations for grave sites. Further, one artificial wreath shall be permitted at each grave site, provided that the wreath is 30" in diameter and is permanently attached to a stand or easel. Evergreen blankets and other winter type decorations are prohibited.

### **Spring and Fall Clean-Up**

- a.) The period from March 1 to April 14 shall be used for maintenance and grounds keeping purposes to prepare for the growing season. All non-growing season decorations shall be removed by the City on or after March 1.
- b.) The period of October 16 to November 15 of each year shall be used for maintenance and grounds keeping purposes to prepare for the growing season. All growing decorations shall be removed on or after October 16.



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