

## CEMETERY GUIDELINES

Cemetery grounds open daily from sunrise to sunset.  
Buildings and enclosed patios are open 8:00am-4:00 pm  
Office hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am–4:30pm (holidays permitting)

The cemeteries and mausoleums are religious in character. The cemeteries are well maintained, healing and inviting to bereaved families and friends. The rights and privileges of all families are protected. The environment is safe and secure for all those who visit.

### VISITING A LOVED ONES GRAVE

If you need assistance locating a grave site, you can visit our office during office hours or use our Locate a Loved One search tool. Before leaving decorations at a memorial site, please review our decoration policies, which are designed to consider everyone's safety and visiting experience.

<https://mobile.webcemeteries.com/asfcca>

### LANDSCAPING AND HAZARDOUS ITEMS

To maintain a uniform overall appearance of our grounds, all lawn care and development shall be the sole responsibility of the cemetery staff. A healthy lawn requires sufficient water and sunshine, therefore, all gravesite decorations, including all holiday decorations, should be contained within the dimensions of the headstone or floral vase. To ensure the safety of the cemetery staff and all visitors to the cemetery the following items are never allowed and will be removed immediately:

- Fencing, shells, stones, pebbles, hedges, trenches, borders, or enclosures of any kind
- Unapproved memorials, vases, wire, bricks, glass of any kind, benches, statuary, or memorial covers
- Tape, adhesives, lipstick, decals, or items adhered to niche and crypt front.
- Trees, shrubs, flowers, bushes, and other plants
- Candles, planter boxes, glass containers or vases, tinsel or confetti sprinkled on the gravesite.
- Decorations on cemetery trees, bushes, or shrubs
- Stands or metal legs used to elevate floral or cross tributes.
- Items attached to wood or metal stakes.
- Any decoration over 12 inches in height such as solar lights, shepherd hooks, bird houses, wind chimes, Christmas trees, etc.

### THEFT

The cemetery cannot assume responsibility for missing or stolen items. The cemetery grounds are open to the public and unfortunately run the risk of theft by dishonest individuals. We encourage families to be mindful of what they choose to put out.

### ITEMS PURCHASED ELSEWHERE

Products purchased from outside sources must meet cemetery guidelines. Fees may apply. Please check with individual cemetery for guidelines and fees.

### PROPERTY DAMAGE

Because the cemetery is open to the public and subject to weather conditions, items not placed securely in vases may be blown away by high winds. Any items found blowing about the cemetery will be disposed of. The Catholic Cemetery Association cannot take responsibility for any damage that may occur to memorials, benches, pictures, vases, etc.

### FLORAL AND DECORATION POLICY

Cemetery cleanup day is posted at the entrance of the cemetery on a weekly basis. Due to the volume of decorations being removed each week it is impossible to make provisions to pick up and save items for individual families. If a family wishes to retain certain items, they should plan to pick them up prior to the scheduled weekly clean up. Clean up is all day 7:30 to 4:30.

### GROUND SPACES, CRYPTS AND NICHES

The cemetery will provide a weekly cleanup schedule at the beginning of each calendar year. Every attempt will be made to adhere to the schedule; however, funeral services and weather conditions may force the cemetery staff to make adjustments.

The schedule is available online, in the cemetery office or in the notification boxes throughout the cemetery grounds.

All ground burial sites are cleaned completely on a weekly basis to include fresh or artificial flowers and all decorations.

Complete clean up on indoor and outdoor crypts and niches will take place once a month. Unsightly and hazardous items will be removed weekly.

### FLAG POLICY

Families may pick up a flag at the cemetery office which can be placed on the gravesite of your loved one if the birthday or anniversary of death is two days prior to cleanup. This flag will alert the ground staff to confirm the date with the headstone. Flowers and decorations will remain in place until the next scheduled clean up.

### ETIQUETTE

Respect others' privacy and be considerate of other visitors, keeping voices and conversations at a respectable volume. Loud or live music will not be allowed while visiting your loved ones. Drive slowly and be aware of cemetery vehicles, funeral processions, graveside services and other visitors. Use caution when walking on the grounds. Be aware of decorations, markers/headstones, vases, sprinklers, etc. Pets must always be on a leash. Children are always supervised. Alcohol and cannabis are not permitted on cemetery grounds.