

# Planting & Decoration Guidelines (Gravesites)

Catholic Cemeteries, Diocese of Rockville Centre



## IS MY DECORATION/PLANTING PERMITTED?

Planting/Decoration Type	Upright Monument Lots			Flush Marker Sections																												
	Lawn Crypts	1, 2, or 3 Grave Lots	4 Grave Lots & Larger	Graves & Lawn Crypts	Children's Plots																											
Annual Flowers	YES - semi-circle of 18" in front of monument		YES - semi-circle of 18" in front <u>and</u> rear of monument	Not Permitted	YES - semi-circle of 8" in front of monument																											
Bouquet Holders	YES - Approved bouquet holders (aluminum/bronze) may be installed. Limit of 2 bouquet holders per lot are permitted.			ONLY where holder is part of the marker design	Not Permitted																											
Vases	YES – Flat bottom vases <u>ONLY</u> <i>The following vase types are not permitted: glass vases, ceramic vases, pin style cases, or cone shaped vases</i>																															
Artificial Flowers	SEASONAL – Winter Months <u>ONLY</u> (November 1 until one week after Easter). <i>***Will be removed outside of the winter month period***</i>																															
Fresh Cut Flowers	YES – Must be in designated area in approved container																															
Potted Plants	SEASONAL – Permitted on Holy Days/Holidays. <i>***Must be removed or planted one week after the day of celebration***</i>																															
Shrubs/Bushes	3 Grave Plots or Larger <u>ONLY</u> – Refer to Page 2 for rules and regulations																															
Flags	YES – Must not exceed 12" x 16". No more than 2 flags permitted on plot, one must be an American flag. <i>***Faded/soiled/torn flags will be removed***</i>																															
Holiday Decorations	SEASONAL – See separate schedule for permitted dates																															
<b>PROHIBITED ITEMS</b>	<p>To protect the safety of field employees and visitors, some items are NOT permitted in the planting area and may not be placed or affixed to monuments. Examples of prohibited items include, but are not limited to, the following:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Wooden crosses</td> <td>Pin-wheels</td> <td>Banners</td> <td>Glass jars</td> <td>Planters</td> <td>Statues</td> <td>Bottles</td> <td>Toys</td> <td>Balloons</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Earthenware pots</td> <td>Crockery</td> <td>Bric-a-brac</td> <td>Tin Cans</td> <td>Shells</td> <td>Edging</td> <td>Stones</td> <td>Pebbles</td> <td>Marble chips</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Vigil lights (flame or solar)</td> <td colspan="8">Perennials, vines, climbers, hedging or rose bushes</td> </tr> </table>					Wooden crosses	Pin-wheels	Banners	Glass jars	Planters	Statues	Bottles	Toys	Balloons	Earthenware pots	Crockery	Bric-a-brac	Tin Cans	Shells	Edging	Stones	Pebbles	Marble chips	Vigil lights (flame or solar)	Perennials, vines, climbers, hedging or rose bushes							
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- No placed item, whether floral or otherwise, is considered permanent to the site. The cemetery makes every effort to enforce rules and regulations uniformly and with compassion.
- Because the cemetery is open to the public, with thousands of visitors each year, **the cemetery cannot guarantee plants and decorations from DAMAGE, THEFT, or DISAPPEARANCE.** The cemetery will not be responsible for plant or shrub damage caused by wildlife.
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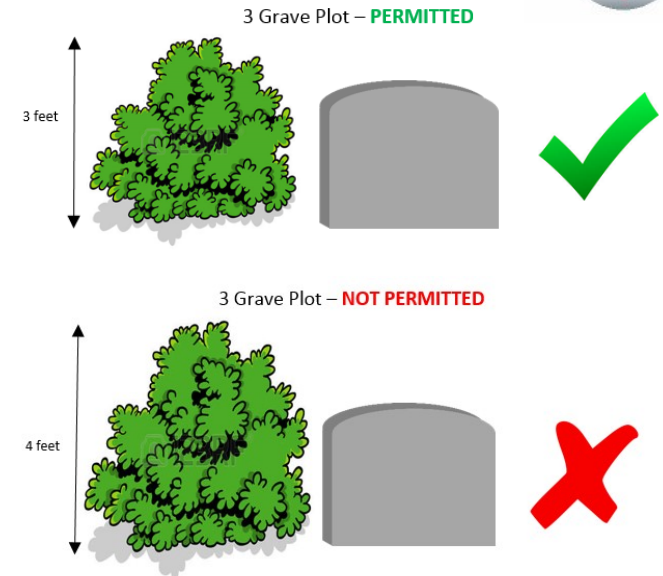
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- Bushes or shrubs are **NOT** permitted on single graves, double graves, or any flat marker section. Bushes or shrubs are **ONLY** permitted on plots having three graves or more.
- **Rose bushes, vines, climbers, hedging, and perennials are NOT permitted on any gravesite.**
- Shrubs and bushes are permitted to be planted **on each side of the monument**.
- Shrubs and bushes are **NOT** to extend in front or behind the memorial in excess of 14" nor to encroach upon any other plot.
- No shrub or bush is to exceed the following height restrictions:
  - 3 feet for a three grave lot
  - 4 feet for a four grave lot
  - 5 feet for a five grave lot
  - 6 feet for a lot that consists of more than five graves.
- Preferably, shrubs should be kept four (4) to six (6) inches below the maximum size permitted.
- Before planting any such shrubs, the Cemetery office should be consulted in order to be sure that your planting will conform to the type of shrub permitted and to its maximum size.



## FAMILY (PRIVATE) MAUSOLEUM LOTS

- Annual flowers may be planted in front of the mausoleum building (not blocking the entranceway) when a landscape plan is approved by cemetery authorities. Annual flowers are not permitted in front of any flush markers that are part of a mausoleum lot.
- Shrubs and bushes are permitted on three sides of the building when a landscape plan is approved by cemetery authorities. Shrubs and bushes are prohibited in the rear of the building. Before planting, the cemetery office should be consulted to ensure that your planting will conform to the type/size of shrub permitted.
- **No shrub or bush is to exceed the height of the mausoleum's door.** Preferably, shrubs should be kept four (4) to six (6) inches below the top of the door.
- Shrubs and bushes are not to extend in front or behind the mausoleum in excess of 3'6", nor are they to encroach upon any other mausoleum or lot.
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- Bouquet Holders are the only lot markers permitted. Each bouquet holder reduces the area reserved for planting. Owners are asked to limit bouquet holders to no more than four per mausoleum lot.
- Glass jars, statues, shells, vigil lights, marble chips and bric-a-brac of any description are not permitted and will **be removed and disposed of without notice or compensation.**

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