

CHILLICOTHE

CITY CEMETERY

GRAVE DECORATIONS

Chillicothe City Cemetery is committed to providing families with a peaceful, serene environment for visitation and remembrance. We empathize with grieving families who wish to add personal items to the graves of their loved ones. However, our obligation to the public and to all families with loved ones interred at our cemetery requires us to maintain consistent standards of appearance and safety. The Chillicothe City Cemetery has established guidelines for grave decorations. Your cooperation in meeting the following regulations is very much appreciated and will keep cemetery grounds beautiful and safe for all.

Year-Round Regulations

- If anything shall be placed on a lot or grave which shall be deemed injurious to the lot or other lots, or which violates any of the rules, the Caretaker shall remove the same without notice. Funeral designs, floral pieces, etc., shall be removed as soon as they become unsightly.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to enclose any lot or lots in the Cemetery with fence, curbing, wire, rods, trees, shrubbery or any other material.
- No stone, wood or concrete coping, or coping of any kind shall be built in the Cemetery.
- No rocks, stones, boulders, decorative rock or chips, glass jars or vases or bottles may be used in the Cemetery.
- No trees, bushes, shrubs, or flowers shall be planted on graves or cemetery premises without prior approval of the city council. If any tree, shrub, plant or vine situated on any lot becomes unsightly, dangerous or detrimental to the adjacent lot, the Caretaker may remove such tree, plant or vine, or such parts thereof as he deems necessary.
- All floral arrangements, decorations, crosses, statues, figures or religious articles must be maintained within one (1) foot in front of the monument, or hung from a shepherd's hook or other hanging device or apparatus for hanging flower baskets. These shall be placed at the center of the headstone. Artificial or live flowers may be placed on, or in, the ground of the grave site if said flowers are maintained. From **November 1** to **March 1**, ground arrangements, such as grave blankets or wreaths, may also be placed on the grave site.
- No wind socks, pennants, banners or flags, other than nationally recognized flags may be placed in the Cemetery.
- Anything of a permanent nature placed in the Cemetery, except monuments and grave markers, must have the approval of the Cemetery Committee.
- The City shall take reasonable precaution to protect all private property of lot owners, properly in the Cemetery, from loss or damage, but it distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control and especially from acts of thieves, vandals or rioters.

Cemetery Clean-Up Days

To beautify and maintain the cemetery, cemetery clean-up days will take place the **2nd full calendar week of April each year**. All ground level decorations (in the way of mowers and trimmers) will be removed & disposed of. All hanging baskets from shepherds' hooks will also be removed. Lot owners who have any vases, wreaths, or arrangements that they wish to save should remove them before these dates.

Dates for Clean-Up will be posted on the city website and all cemetery entrances one month prior to the annual clean-up.

Items placed in violation of cemetery rules and regulations or in disrepair may be removed and discarded at any time. Of course, this is a judgement call for our staff, so it is better to wait until after the cleanup to place decorations.