

# Floral + Ornament Guide



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We recognise the significance of floral and ornamental tributes in honouring loved ones. This guides ensures our cemeteries remain safe, tidy, and welcoming for all visitors while ensuring grounds are maintained to a high standard.

### **Respect your neighbour**

To respect neighboring memorials and burial sites, we permit a maximum of two (2) vases per grave or memorial. This allows families to express their grief while ensuring others are not impacted by excessive tributes.

An overflow of tributes can cause distress for nearby families. To maintain a fair and considerate space for all, items encroaching on neighboring sites will be removed.

### **Removal of tributes by cemetery staff**

Cemetery staff routinely remove floral and ornamental tributes as part of maintenance to keep the grounds beautiful, tidy, and safe for all visitors.

While this is a sensitive task, it is necessary, as all tributes eventually wither and must be removed. Where possible, prior notice is given. Please note severe weather events may necessitate the need for removal of tributes without prior notice. We appreciate your understanding as we carry out this essential task.

### **General Guidelines:**

Remove wrapping and rubber bands from fresh flowers before placing them in vases.

Ensure tributes do not encroach onto neighboring graves or memorial sites.

Withered tributes will be removed by staff.

Picking flowers from century gardens or planting flora is prohibited.

### **Area Specific Guidelines**

Please refer to the following guidelines for the specific cemetery area that you visit.

Area	Permitted Items	Prohibited Items	Notes
<b>Mausoleum + Crypt's</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Fresh or dried floral tributes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Burning of candles</li> <li>› Vases, receptacles, figurines, candles (removed without notice)</li> <li>› Photos on Crypt Panels (no longer permitted after inscription is completed)</li> <li>› Fresh flowers are not permitted inside Mount Carmel Mausoleum.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Photos on crypt panels may be affixed before inscription; after completion, photos are not permitted.</li> <li>› Adhesive use (tape or Blu-Tack) may permanently mark surfaces; ribbon attachment to eternal light/vase recommended.</li> <li>› Step ladders are prohibited for level 4 crypts; contact the office for assistance.</li> </ul>
<b>Cemetery Lawns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Fresh or dried floral tributes; up to two vases per headstone, shared on either side</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Artificial flowers, glass vases, ornaments, photo frames, candles, toys, wind chimes, decorative borders, kerbing, pebbles, or plants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Periodic lawn clean-ups will remove non-compliant items, with advance notice and collection bins for a limited time. Following guidelines helps prevent disappointment.</li> </ul>
<b>Monumental Lawns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Fresh or dried floral tributes; artificial or silk arrangements within the monument</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Glass vases, ornaments, photo frames, candles, toys, or wind chimes (unless contained within the monument)</li> <li>› No decorative borders, kerbing, pebbles, or plants around graves to avoid safety hazards and interference with maintenance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Monuments must be constructed by a registered monumental mason.</li> <li>› Unauthorised structures will be removed.</li> <li>› Periodic clean-ups will remove non-compliant items, with advance notice and collection bins for a limited time. Following guidelines helps avoid disappointment.</li> </ul>
<b>Monumental Section Graves</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Fresh or dried floral tributes</li> <li>› Artificial or silk arrangements within the monument</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Glass vases, ornaments, photo frames, candles, toys, or wind chimes in lawn areas</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Monuments must be installed by a registered monumental mason. Unauthorised structures will be removed.</li> <li>› Tributes should be placed within the two provided vases or those built into traditional monuments.</li> <li>› Supplied grave markers (e.g., white crosses) will remain until the monument is installed or the marker is damaged. Cemetery staff will remove damaged markers.</li> </ul>
<b>Cremation Niches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Fresh or dried floral tributes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Artificial flowers, glass vases, ornaments, photo frames, candles, toys, wind chimes, decorative borders, kerbing, pebbles, or plants</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Periodic clean-ups will remove non-compliant items, with advance notice and collection bins for a limited time. Following guidelines helps avoid disappointment.</li> </ul>



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