

St. Joseph Cemetery Rules & Regulations

For the mutual protection of every lot purchaser in the cemetery, St. Joseph Cemetery, hereby adopts the following rules and regulations. These rules and regulations, amendments or alterations to same, are designed for the protection of St. Joseph Cemetery and the collective owners of burial rights. They are intended not as restraining, but rather as preventing the inconsiderate from taking unfair advantage of another. Their enforcement will help protect and preserve the beauty and tranquility of St. Joseph Cemetery.

The cemetery expressly reserves the right at any time and without notice to adopt new rules and regulations or to amend, modify, or repeal any section, paragraph, or sentence of these Rules and Regulations. St. Joseph Cemetery has entire charge of the cemetery and is authorized to enforce all rules and regulations as adopted.

The rules and regulations shall be on file in the cemetery office and the parish office. Copies shall be made available to interested parties upon request.

Lot Size

All 4 Grave lots will measure 16 ft wide x 10 ft long

All 8 Grave lots will measure 16 ft wide x 20 ft long

All monuments, bushes, flowers, etc., must remain within these boundaries or will be removed by cemetery management.

Upright Monuments & Flush Markers

Upright monuments are allowed on 4 and 8 grave lots only.

One upright monument is allowed per 4 graves.

Two upright monuments are allowed per 8 graves.

On a 4-grave lot, the upright monument will be placed across graves 2 and 3 only.

On an 8-grave lot, the upright monuments will be placed across graves 2 and 3 and across graves 6 and 7 only.

There is no exception to the placement of upright monuments.

Any or all remaining graves may be marked with flush markers. All upright monuments and flush markers will be installed by the monument company or by cemetery personnel only. Family members are not permitted to install monuments or markers. All monuments and markers are the lot owner's personal property; therefore, in the event of vandalism, the families are responsible for any repairs or replacement costs incurred.

Tree & Shrub Planting

Tree planting is prohibited on all lots.

Cemetery personnel only will be responsible for the planting of trees in designated areas.

Shrubs are allowed but must be approved by cemetery management prior to planting. Small shrubs may be planted and kept trimmed to remain small. They must be planted only next to upright monuments, not flush markers, one shrub on each side. Shrubs must remain within the boundaries of the lot or will be removed immediately.

Decoration Regulations

Fall & winter decorations may remain on graves from November 1st until March 1st.
Artificial & fresh wreaths and blankets are allowed.

All fall & winter decorations must be removed on or before March 1st, weather permitting.

Spring & summer decorations may remain on graves from April 1st to October 1st.
Cut flowers should be in approved cemetery vases. Annual flowers should be planted in an area not to exceed 12 inches around upright monuments.

Spring & summer decorations must be removed on or before October 1st.

Lot Planning

It is of the utmost importance that families take time to plan the use of their lots when they are purchased. **Family member placement on the lot is of great importance and should be thought out carefully, especially when you are planning for upright monument and marker placement.** Careful pre-planning will help to avoid hasty, last minute decisions when the time comes to bury your loved one. Keep in mind where upright monuments can be placed on the lot. Cemetery management can assist you with any questions regarding the placement of upright monuments and flush markers.

We ask that you park on the roadway, not in the grass, when visiting the cemetery.

Rubbish containers are located throughout the cemetery for your use.

Cemetery management takes reasonable precaution to protect lot owners and the property rights of lot owners within the cemetery from loss or damage. However, the cemetery distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control, especially from damage caused by the elements, acts of God, thieves, vandals, or malicious mischief makers.

No scattering of cremated remains is permitted on cemetery property.

No interments shall occur, nor shall any work be done on any lot which carries an unpaid balance.

Interments must be scheduled with cemetery management **prior** to being published. Please be mindful of holidays, holy days, and weekends when planning interments.

Cemetery records, ledgers, lot cards, correspondence and other written records maintained by St. Joseph Cemetery are the sole and exclusive property of same. Only St. Joseph Parish employees have access to these permanent documents. Except where disclosure is required pursuant to the Illinois Freedom of Information Act, information contained therein is for the exclusive use of management and shall be disclosed as management deems proper. Record requests may be subject to an administrative fee, which may be charged by management.

**Please remember this cemetery is sacred ground; respect it as such.
Pray for our beloved dead. May they rest in peace in the arms of angels.**