



CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

DIOCESE OF CLEVELAND

Faith, Hope, and Remembrance

Decoration Guidelines

November 1st through March 15th

- Winter wreaths and other artificial decorations are permitted during this time. All decorations, including wooden crosses, should not exceed 36" in height.
- Decorations with spikes or stakes are prohibited and will be removed immediately.
- During the winter months, natural wreaths may be ordered through the cemeteries.
- We cannot be responsible for damage caused to bouquet holders due to use during the cold winter months.
- Christmas decorations will be removed on Jan 31st. Please make sure to label your decoration(s) with the deceased name and location.

March 16th through October 31st

- Only fresh flowers in proper bouquet holders are permitted during this time.
- Wilted flowers are removed every Tuesday. This allows us to have three days to cut the grass with the least amount of obstacles. Fresh flowers are not removed unless absolutely necessary.
- Artificial decorations are not permitted during the cutting season, with the exception of the special holidays listed below. If found, artificial decorations will be immediately removed by cemetery staff. Artificial decorations placed for a holiday will be collected the Tuesday following the holiday.

2020 Holiday Decoration Schedule

Winter decorations Nov 1, 2019 – March 15, 2020. Clean-up date Tuesday March 16, including CROSSES.

Easter Sunday

April 12

Start date: April 5th

End date: April 20th

Clean-up: April 21st

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 10

Start date: May 7th

End date: May 18th

Clean-up: May 19th

Memorial Day

Monday, May 25

Start date: May 21st

End date: June 1st

Clean-up: June 2nd

Father's Day

Sunday, June 2

Start date: June 18th

Close date: June 29th

Clean-up: June 30th

Burials: Floral pieces are left on the grave for 48 hours after an interment is made. The flowers are wilted by this time and it becomes a nest for animals if left any longer. There is no regulation governing the number of floral decorations brought to the cemetery at the time of interment.

Entombments: Three floral pieces permitted outside of the building. Bouquets will be removed and discarded at the end of each work day.

We hope you can understand our position in establishing these guidelines. They are not of our personal choice but an absolute necessity in maintaining safe working conditions and the overall beauty of our Catholic Cemeteries.

For more information please refer to our Rules & Regulation found at www.clecem.org.