

**SAINT MARY CEMETERY**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**January 2010**

Please decorate grave sites in compliance with these rules and regulations and share this information with family and friends who also decorate at St. Mary Cemetery. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. March 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> live plants and flower beds are permitted. Artificial flowers /decorations, including "stone-top" arrangements are permitted November 1<sup>st</sup> to March 1<sup>st</sup> only. The cemetery will remove, without notice, any artificial flowers or artificial decorations remaining or placed after March 2<sup>nd</sup> through November 1<sup>st</sup>.
2. Live potted plants stable enough for outdoor use may be placed on a grave on the following days: Easter, Mother's Day and Father's Day, Memorial Day, All Souls' Day and Cemetery Sunday. These plants should be placed on top of the ground; no holes may be dug in the ground to recess the pots. They will be left on the grave until the Monday after the following weekend.
3. Cut flowers are permitted provided they are placed in cemetery approved vases. Fresh flower vases may be placed in front of the monument within the flower bed area. Permanent flower vases (flush type) are recommended. Non permanent vases may be placed on the grave at the aforesaid location. For safety reasons, tin cans, bottles, glass jars/vases and similar containers are not permitted in the cemetery at any time. These will be removed without notice.
4. Some types of shrubs (evergreens), flowering bushes, etc. are permitted in certain areas around upright monuments. Approval from the cemetery business office must be obtained before planting.
5. Benches, glass containers, decorative planters such as ducks, lambs, etc., similar objects are not permitted on grave sites. Some urns of different composition placed on a concrete base are permitted with the approval of the office.
6. **Solar lights, votive lights, candles, balloons, shepherds hooks, ornamental figurines of any kind, toys, shells, metal ornaments, pinwheels, bird feeders, wind chimes, sun catchers, etc. are not permitted at any time and will be removed without notice.**
7. Fences, borders, coping, curbing or other enclosures around or within the limits of a grave or lot are not permitted.
8. Flower beds may be planted on one side of a permanent monument except where graves are on both sides of the monument. A flower bed is an area of specific size and location that is kept free of grass and weeds for the purpose of growing annuals, bulbs or an approved planting. These beds may be the width of the stone and extended no more than 8" - 12" inches from the stone. Flower beds must be planted level with the surrounding turf and grass between the stone and flowers must be removed. Overgrown and neglected flower beds and bushes will be removed without prior notice to the lot holder. Because of danger when using cemetery equipment, the following treatments are not permitted in or on a flower bed: coarse, chunk, hardwood pieces, rocks or stones of any kind.
9. Homemade, makeshift, or handcrafted grave markers are not permitted.
10. American flags in specified holders are permitted. All other types of flags are prohibited.
11. St. Mary Cemetery and its employees will not be responsible for the care or safety of any objects placed or planted in the cemetery.

The Administration/Maintenance committee members and staff of St. Mary Cemetery appreciate your cooperation and participation in the effort to beautify the cemetery. These rules and regulations supercede any other printed materials regarding the listed information and are subject to change at any time. If you have any questions or need additional information, please call the cemetery business office at 653-0997, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The cemetery closes at dark and opens at daylight. There is no trespassing during that time.