



TULARE PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT
FLOWER POLICY & DECORATING OF GRAVES & NICHES
For Kern and North J Cemeteries

The following are policies and guidelines for the use of flowers and decorations on all gravesites, cremation, niche, ossuary and any/all premises at the Tulare Public Cemetery District. The following policies will be enforced to maintain the best interests and safety of all families, visitors and staff. In order to maintain the cemeteries in an attractive and dignified manner and keep the expense of maintenance at a minimum, we kindly ask that the following regulations be observed.

FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS MUST BE CONFINED WITHIN
THE DESIGNATED VASE HOLDERS ON EACH NICHE OR GRAVE SITE
HEADSTONES/MARKER BORDER

There shall not be placed in, on or around any niche, grave, tree, or on any part of the premises: crosses, glass, balloons, fences, borders around headstone or plot, containers, any nonfloral items, standalone decorations, metal hooks, plant hangers, bird houses, windchimes, pinwheels, toys, flammable candles, solar lights, digital devices, battery operated systems, cement vases, rocks, wood, metal, statues, decorations, etc., or any other items the District Manager deems unsafe for the grounds, the employees or public.

All floral, fresh or artificial, must be **confined and secured** as an integral part of the flower arrangement within the designated vase holders above the grave site marker.

Any plot which does not have a marker/headstone **cannot have anything on the grave** until a marker/headstone is set and then the policies must then be followed. Niche vases approved by District Manager are available for purchase in the office. Cemetery approved temporary markers are available for use at no additional charge but must be returned after 90 days or when headstone is set which ever comes first, please see office for details.

CLEAN-OUT - THERE WILL BE A COMPLETE CLEAN OUT OF EVERYTHING ON
ALL HEADSTONES AND NICHES THE 3RD WEEK of JANUARY from Monday – Friday
for both cemeteries every year.
NO FURTHER NOTICE WILL BE GIVEN.

After the Clean-Out you are welcome to replace flowers in the vases as approved in this policy.

ABSOLUTELY NO ITEMS ARE ALLOWED ON THE GRASS AREA!
NO EXCEPTIONS!

Cemetery staff will remove any of the fresh or artificial arrangements that become wilted, tattered, a hazard, or might be a safety issue to anyone visiting the Cemetery.



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Tulare Public Cemetery District will take reasonable efforts not to harm arrangements within the site containers and will not be responsible or held liable for anything that is broken, lost, stolen, misplaced, damaged by weather, vandalized or causes beyond our control.

Fresh flowers wreaths, potted plants and or easel/stand arrangements from a funeral service, should be picked up by the family within a few days after the service, or the cemetery will remove and dispose of them from the gravesite when they become wilted or tattered. Arrangements will be removed from easels/stands and placed directly on plot.

Any and all **unauthorized** additions or items of any kind that are placed or affixed to the headstones/markers/niches or premises shall be removed and disposed of upon discovery by Tulare Public Cemetery District staff.

Tulare Public Cemetery is not responsible to hold any unauthorized items that are not within compliance of the policies.

THIS IS THE ONLY NOTICE YOU WILL RECEIVE. WE WILL NOT CONTACT YOU OR GIVE YOU WARNING ABOUT THE REMOVAL AND DISPOSING OF ITEMS THAT DO NOT MEET COMPLIANCE.

ALL HEADSTONES BECOME THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE REMAINING FAMILY ONCE THEY ARE SET.

FOR YOUR PROTECTION PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHEN WALKING ON THE GROUNDS AS THEY ARE UNEVEN. ALSO, BE CAREFUL AND WATCH YOUR STEP AROUND THE CEMENT CURBING THROUGHOUT THE CEMETERY.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the placement of decorations, flowers, etc. on the graves, niches or premises please contact the office for approval. **Only the District Manager can make approvals.**

We Thank You for your cooperation. The Tulare Public Cemetery District is determined to maintain a clean and safe environment for all of those visiting and employed at the cemetery.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TULARE PUBLIC CEMETERY DISTRICT
900 EAST KERN AVE.
TULARE, CA 93274
POLICY AMENDED AND ADOPTED JULY 11, 2007
AMENDED AND ADOPTED SEPTEMBER 26, 2019
AMENDED AND ADOPTED AUGUST 26, 2021
AMENDED October 27, 2022



**QR Code for Updated
Flower Policy Changes**



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Interment Rights Owner(s)

Cemetery_____

Section / Block _____ Row _____ Grave# _____

I/We acknowledge that I have received, read and understand the above policies and procedures in its entirety and agree to abide by them. I/We understand and agree that any items that are not in compliance with these policies will be immediately removed and disposed of by Tulare Public Cemetery and/or their staff. I/We acknowledge and agree that we are the Interment Rights owners and have the responsibility of everything that is placed on and around the Grave that is not in compliance and that we will remove it immediately. I/We also understand and agree that Tulare Public Cemetery District and/or their staff is not responsible or liable for any damaged or missing items that are placed on or around the Grave regardless of compliance. I/We also understand that these policies can be changed at any time and I agree to follow any of the current and new policies that are amended.

Interment Rights Owner - Signature

Date

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