

Sacred Heart Cemetery Rules and Regulations

All burials, placement of markers and other cemetery work must be performed by authorized cemetery personnel and/or contractors expressly employed by the parish. All cemetery costs are to be paid in full before a marker is placed on the grave.

Markers may be either flush or raised. A raised marker may not exceed 42" tall or 48" wide. If using a raised marker, you do not receive the 16-inch area to the east side of the headstone for decorations. Military markers are to be at the foot of the grave, unless it will be used as the headstone.

Lot Decorations (Flush markers only)

In decorating your lots you may have the following items within the allowed 16 inch space:

1. Non-breakable containers for flowers.
2. Natural flowers, artificial flowers may be used if in an approved secured pot or container.
3. Decorations placed in cemetery shall be within the designated **16-inch** area. This area shall be on the **east side** of the headstone, the same width as the headstone.
4. If these items are lost, stolen, or damaged, **Sacred Heart** is not responsible.
5. Decorations **must not** exceed 3 feet in height.
6. Grave blankets – Please remove them by April 1st.
7. No decoration space permitted on raised markers.

Unfortunately, in our cemetery you **may not** have:

1. Fences, curbs or benches.
2. Elevated mounds on the graves.
3. Glass or breakable items; the safety of our staff and visitors is important to the parish.
4. No hedges, shrubs or bushes.
6. No stones, mulches, or edging around your headstone. Loose stones are a hazard for lawn maintenance.

To avoid having your items removed and/or discarded, please observe cemetery regulations and be sure to ask if you are uncertain whether or not something is allowed. Personnel will make every effort to tag prohibited items and give you time to remove it; however, we reserve the right to enforce the rules to keep the cemetery grounds from being unsafe or unattractive, in a manner that does not infringe upon adjacent spaces or creates a situation which may be offensive to other families with adjacent spaces.