

REEDLEY CEMETERY DISTRICT
FLOWER POLICY
POLICY #2011-3

The placement of decorations on the headstones/markers of loved ones is a time-honored tradition. It is an expression of love and remembrance to those who have passed from this life, and is a beautiful and effective memorial.

Every reasonable effort will be made to care for flowers and containers placed on the headstone/marker, neither the District nor any of its employees shall be responsible for anything that may be lost, stolen, misplaced, broken or vandalized.

The Reedley Cemetery District strives to maintain a park like setting for loved ones to visit, and the safety of the public and the RCD employees is an utmost concern. For the protection of the public and RCD employees, the following rules and regulations will be enforced and can be changed at any time without notice;

2011-2-1. Flowers: Fresh, silk or artificial, potted plants (**NO MYLAR BALLOONS**) and all decorations must be placed in the vases/containers within the cement setting around the headstone. Any and all decorations, whether it be flower arrangements, flags and or solar lights(24 inches or less) must be placed within the vases/containers. **Limit of 1(one) solar light or flag per vase/container. Limit of 2(two) potted plants or flowers(fresh or artificial) per headstone/marker.** Flags and solar light must not have pointed tops or ends. Plastic, battery operated prayer candles may be placed within the vases/unbreakable containers. **Items may not be staked or secured into the ground.** Mylar balloons, glass, ceramic or metal decorations of any type are strictly prohibited.

When you purchase cemetery graves/plots in the Reedley Cemetery District, you are only purchasing the right to designate who may be interred or entombed in that grave/plot, rather than purchasing the grave/plot, itself, which remains the property and responsibility of the District. Interment/Burial rights include the right to place a marker or monument, the size of which is subject to District rules and Regulations. All Interment/Burial rights are subject to the Reedley Cemetery Rules and Regulations, as well as the California Health and Safety Code.

2011-2-2. Fences and or structures whether it be wire, wooden, or plastic picket, glass objects (Including jars,vases, bottles or containers) decorative marbles, rocks, food or any other unauthorized items are prohibited. **No fences and or structures are allowed to be placed on the headstones. NO EXCEPTIONS!**

The Reedley Cemetery District no longer allows for upright monuments. Fences, and or, structures are deemed to be upright monuments and are strictly not allowed. Decorative marbles, ceramic or metal decorations can become projectiles if they are hit by trimmers while trimming the headstone and markers or by the mowers while mowing.

2011-2-3. No digging is allowed around the monument/marker area or the burial space.

2011-2-4. No person shall place on any graves, Mylar balloons, boxes, globes, shells, cans, jugs, bottles, lawn decorations, items on metal or wooden stakes. Such items will be removed for disposal by the District personnel without compensation to that person.

2011-2-5. During the mowing season (February 1st thru December 1st) all flowers and decorations whether they are fresh cut, plastic or dried arrangements or potted plants, may remain on the graves, from Thursday thru Tuesday. Every Wednesday, at 7:30 am, all decorations will be picked up and discarded. **Once flowers and decorations are placed in the garbage dumpster, no one is allowed to retrieve their flowers or decorations. NO EXCEPTIONS**

2011-2-6. During the winter season (December 1st thru February 1st) all decorations may remain on the headstone/marker, unless they begin to discolor, fade, or deteriorate and are hazardous to the public or the employees. If any of the above occurs the Cemetery employees will remove and dispose of such decorations. **The Reedley Cemetery will allow 1 Garden flag no taller than 24 inches in height to be placed above the head stone, in the ground. 1 Garden flag per burial space. Only during our winter season December 1st thru February 1st will this be allowed. NO EXCEPTIONS**

2011-2-7. All flowers and decorations removed on Wednesday will be disposed of by the Cemetery personnel and are not available for public use.

2011-2-8. No person not employed by the cemetery, will be allowed to excavate or in any way alter the lay of the land, either on or around their loved ones spaces. No flowers, shrubs, or trees may be planted or pruned, on the cemetery grounds except by the Cemetery employees. The Cemetery reserves the right to make any adjustments, improvements or repairs necessary to improve the beautification of the Cemetery.

2011-2-9. The use of glass jars or vases, and tin cans is prohibited, due to the hazard of broken glass and rust marks left on monuments and markers by the tin cans.

2011-2-10. Decorations placed on a loved ones headstone/marker must not impede the sprinklers, if so you may be asked to remove or alter the decorations.

2011-2-11. Hanging of any item whatsoever, including decorations, clothing, wind chimes, etc., from any tree within the Cemetery grounds is strictly prohibited.

2011-2-12. NO MYLAR BALLOONS, FOOD, OR BEVERAGES ARE ALLOWED

2011-2-13. Only Reedley Cemetery District personnel shall plant, remove, or trim any tree or shrub within the cemetery. Please do not cut or pick cemetery flowers.

2011-2-14. Reedley Cemetery District employees have the authority to remove excess flowers or decorations at our discretion.

2011-2-15. The Trustees of the Reedley Cemetery District reserve the right of passing other rules and regulations or amending these rules and regulations at any time necessary.

California Health and Safety Code Sec. 9041 k; "To adopt and enforce rules and regulations for the administration, maintenance, operation, and use of cemeteries:

2011-2-16. Flowers placed on loved ones headstones/marker MAY NOT IMPEDE on the headstone/marker on either side.