

*Stafford Memorial Park*  
Operated by HCS Holding Company, LLC  
154 Shelton Shop Road  
Stafford VA 22554

*Floral and Decoration Regulations*

*The Beauty and Serenity of this Memorial Park can only be sustained through proper maintenance.  
To maintain a neat and orderly appearance in the cemetery,  
Your adherence to the regulations listed below is required*

As a result of the increasing number of burials in the cemetery and the growing amount of non-conforming floral and decorations being left by visitors we have found it necessary to limit our floral and decorations regulations to the following:

Please **DO NOT** leave any items on the grounds of the cemetery that you cannot replace. We are open to the public and as such items can be removed by visitors. Additionally it is necessary for our staff also to remove items to facilitate cemetery operations such as mowing, memorial installations, interments and renovations and we cannot hold these items for families to retrieve due to the quantity of items that we would be responsible for storing;

Metal temporary markers are no longer allowed in the cemetery;

Graves with memorials that house a permanent vase are only allowed flowers placed inside of vases;

Graves without permanent vases are allowed only fresh cut flowers to be placed directly on the grave without any binding, ties, plastic sleeves or any other materials to hold them together;

At no time may **any** items be attached to or left on top of a permanent memorial, the vase, the grave space or on benches;

NO decorative memorial items of any kind can be hung from any trees, bushes or shrubs;

NO Permanent plantings, statues, vigil lights, fences, stones or breakable objects of any kind nor similar commemorative items are permitted on gravesites at any time. Cemetery personnel will remove these and other hazardous items from the gravesites when discovered and they will be disposed of immediately.

NO mowing, weeding, trimming or cutting equipment is ever allowed on the grounds by visitors. All grounds maintenance and embellishment will be done by Stafford Memorial Park or its contractors.

**Holiday Exceptions are as follows:**

In addition to vase arrangements one (1) floral stand, floral vase cone or floral arrangement is permitted seven (7) days before and seven (7) days after the following holidays:

Valentine's Day, Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Veteran's Day, and Thanksgiving.

Christmas – In addition to vase arrangements, special Christmas arrangements and wreaths are permitted from December 5<sup>th</sup> – January 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Removal Dates**

The cemetery will be cleared and all vases will be emptied during the following periods: March 1-15; September 1-15 and December 1-5.

## **Funeral Flowers**

Floral arrangements that accompany the casket or urn at the time of burial will be placed on the completed gravesite. These items will be removed 3-7 days after the funeral service, depending upon the condition of the flowers;

## **Seeding Policy**

Stafford Memorial Park staff strives to ensure the reseeding of cemetery lots after interments; however, sometimes the environmental conditions are not favorable. Seeding will be performed throughout the cemetery based on schedules provided by the seeding supplier.

*These regulations are made in the interest of all concerned in order that the cemetery may always be a safe place of abiding beauty and a source of pride to all whose loved ones are interred here.*