



# Oak Lawn Cemetery & Arboretum, Inc.

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## RULES FOR PLANTING

Plantings are permitted only on lots with above ground monuments, except in the area known as The Knoll. The plantings, to a maximum of 12 inches from the base of the monument, **must be on the burial side of the monument.** Lots or graves that only allow a flush marker are not permitted in-ground plantings. They may place a cone of cut flowers by the marker, or a planter of natural flowers on top of the flush marker.

The following rules must be adhered to so that our maintenance staff may maintain the beauty of the entire cemetery and to minimize the potential for injury to our staff when they are operating machinery around grave sites.

- Winter decorations (wreaths, blankets, holiday logs, etc) are allowed between December 1st and March 1st. Beginning March 1st, the maintenance staff will remove all winter decorations. **If a lot holder wishes to keep any decorations they must be removed prior to March 1st.**
- Potted plants are permitted on Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, and Memorial Day. One week after the holiday occurred, these plants will be removed by the maintenance staff. **If you want to retrieve a potted plant, you must do so prior to the end of the week following the holiday.**
- Natural flowers may be planted in front of the monument or headstone (over the burial site) between March 1<sup>st</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>. Plantings must not extend more than 12 inches in front of the base of the monument and shall not exceed the length of the monument.
- The planting of shrubs or trees is strictly prohibited.
- No trellis or other support is allowed. **Nothing, except flowers, is permitted around the base of monuments.**
- At The Knoll, no plantings are permitted in front of the stone cremation walls. Fresh cut flowers in a cone shaped vase are permitted.
- All plantings in The Knoll area will be done and maintained by cemetery personnel. No artificial flowers or artificial plantings, including those made of silk, are permitted at The Knoll.

**The management of Oak Lawn Cemetery and Arboretum reserves the right to remove any plantings that do not conform to the above regulations. Flowers and decorations are placed on the grave site at your own risk. Oak Lawn is not responsible for any loss or damage to any plants or decorations.**

### PROPER PLANTING EXAMPLE:

12" OUT FROM THE BASE, ON BURIAL  
SIDE RUNNING THE LENGTH OF THE  
BASE



**NEVER LEAVE ANYTHING OF VALUE ON OAK LAWN'S GROUNDS.**

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