

## **Fern Hill Columbarium and Woodland Garden Rules and Regulations**

Forest Hills is devoted to providing and maintaining a permanent place for the memorialization of loved ones whether on the grounds of the Cemetery or in our Columbarium. It is the Cemetery's desire to provide a comfortable, respectful environment for reflection, meditation, prayer, ceremony or other methods of commemoration.

Forest Hills requests visitors and mourners to bear in mind that many nationalities, religions and cultures are represented here. Customs and rituals are important to many, especially when memorializing a loved one. Since they may not be familiar to us, some customs and rituals may seem intrusive or even offensive. Forest Hills is committed to a respect for the rights of families to express their traditional customs and rituals, but insists that sensitivity be shown to other families and visitors.

Forest Hills believes that an appropriate Columbarium and Scattering Garden environment is one of tranquility, peace and beauty. It is with this belief we ask that the rules and regulations for Fern Hill be observed.

### **Fern Hill Niches**

Niches at Fern Hill are of the following dimensions: 10" wide x 11" high x 16" deep. Each niche holds a maximum of two (2) urns. All cremated remains placed in niches must be contained in urns of durable, non-biodegradable materials. It is the family's responsibility to ensure that one or both urns will fit into the niche.

The Cemetery retains sole ownership of niches in perpetuity; niche owners retain right of inurnment. Should the niche owner wish to discontinue use of the niche, only the Cemetery may redeem the right of use. Under no circumstances may niche ownership be conveyed to a third party.

Niches may only be opened by authorized Cemetery personnel; all inurnments will be scheduled through the Main Office.

#### **Flowers and Decorations:**

Flowers may be placed in front of or at the base of your loved one's niche, but will be removed as soon as they become unsightly. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove any flower or arrangement deemed to be unsightly, or that interferes with another's niche. Only natural flowers are allowed at niches. Cuttings and rooted plants are not allowed. Vases of any type are not permitted. *All artificial flowers will be removed by the staff.*

No decorations of any sort are to be affixed to niche fronts. Decorations to commemorate a birthday or holiday may be placed at the foot of a niche, however these will be removed within a reasonable amount of time, at the Cemetery's discretion.

**Incense and Candles:** No incense or candles may be lit in Columbarium.

**Children and Pets:** Children must be supervised by adults at all times. Dog walking is not permitted at Fern Hill, although it is permitted in most nearby areas of the Cemetery.

### **Fern Hill Woodland Garden**

Each lot is 3' x 3', unless designated otherwise and can accommodate up to two urns. The urns will be placed directly into the ground without use of an urn vault. Urns may be of either biodegradable or permanent materials. In-ground burials are considered permanent; cremated remains may be non-recoverable.

#### **Memorialization:**

Memorial markers are of standardized dimensions, (22" x 15"--the height of the slanted marker ranges from 8" in the front to 10" in the rear), and will be subject to the approval of the Cemetery management. Please see below for more details.

#### **Fern Hill Monument Specifications:**

##### **Slanted Markers:**

- \_\_ 22" width x 15" front to back.
- \_\_ Height of the marker: 8" in front to 10" in rear. Marker to be set 2" below grade, yielding 6" front reveal.
- \_\_ Steeled Finish (unpolished) - top and sides.
- \_\_ Edges "buzzed", or slightly beveled.
- \_\_ Colors: Grey, Tan or Pink only

##### **Flowers and Decorations:**

Flowers may be placed next to your loved one's memorial marker. Flowers will be removed weekly, during the scheduled cleaning. Holiday arrangements are permitted between Thanksgiving and February 2. Holiday arrangements may not interfere with neighboring lots.

### **Fern Hill Scattering Garden**

Scattering of cremated remains must be arranged through the Main Office and will be conducted by Cemetery staff, or under their supervision. Scattered remains are non-recoverable. Memorialization of loved ones is available on the nearby granite inscription tablets. Inscriptions are to be uniform and arranged through Cemetery personnel only.

Forest Hills Cemetery appreciates your cooperation. Observation of these policies will ensure that the facility promotes a respectful atmosphere for the memorialization of your loved ones. Forest Hills' staff is available to provide assistance or answer any questions you may have regarding the Crematory and Columbarium.

*I confirm that these policies were given to me and explained in detail by a Forest Hills Cemetery sales counselor or staff person.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE