



FOREST HILLS CEMETERY  
*Boston's premier garden cemetery since 1848*

## Floral Decoration Policies

Forest Hills Cemetery provides a beautifully planted and well maintained garden-like setting for the memorialization of loved ones. All landscaping and development in Forest Hills are carefully planned to harmoniously blend with the natural contours of the grounds. All planting arrangements are purchased through Forest Hills and are tastefully chosen to enhance the cemetery's original beauty. In the interest of serving all lot and grave owners, Forest Hills maintains formal policies regarding floral decorations to protect the dignity of our cemetery.

**Placements-** We welcome **fresh flowers** placed on a grave or in shatter resistant vases (plastic, heavy clay or those supplied by the Cemetery or a monument dealer), potted plants and floral baskets, limited to three per grave. We also welcome wreaths, baskets and small evergreen trees during the winter holidays, made of predominantly natural materials.

Deliveries from local florists are welcomed. Please direct the florist to deliver arrangements to the Office and our staff will place the flowers at the graveside for you. Be sure to include their name on the card.

**Plantings-** Plantings are permitted only when performed by cemetery personnel, under contract with the lot or grave owner. Please contact our office for more information on our offerings.

**Holidays (Ching Ming, Memorial Day, Mother's Day and all others)** - Fresh flowers, sprays and potted flowers or plants brought by visitors may remain on a grave site up to 10 days after a holiday, provided they retain their freshness. Afterwards, they will be removed by cemetery personnel. Veteran's flags placed for Memorial Day are limited to one flag per stone and will remain in place through Independence Day.

**Removal-** All flowers and plants that no longer contribute to the beauty of the grounds shall be removed at the discretion of the cemetery personnel. Offerings of food or other perishable items will be removed on a daily basis. Disallowed items will be removed immediately without notice.

**Disallowed-** The following items are not allowed on the cemetery grounds under any circumstances:

*Artificial plants, "saddle" arrangements that affix to the top of a monument, glass or ceramic vases, window boxes or large box urns, draped or suspended ornaments including religious items such as rosary beads, votive candles of any size, statues or ornaments, toys, balloons, seashells, paving materials or ornamental pebbles.*

It is also not advised to leave any items of sentimental or monetary value. Once removed, these items cannot be retrieved.

**Prohibited Actions-** The following actions are strictly prohibited: hole digging, flower picking and the breaking, trimming or injuring of any tree, shrub, flower or plant.

We appreciate the cooperation of all who visit Forest Hills Cemetery in maintaining the integrity of our beautiful cemetery.