

Welcome to the Spanish Fork City Cemetery

DECORATIONS NOTICE

1-15-15

ALL EXISTING PERMANENT DECORATIONS including Shepherd Hooks and Solar Lighting **MUST** be **MOVED** to the concrete mow strip or on the headstone

Please comply before May 1, 2015

- **PERMANENT DECORATIONS** including Shepherd Hooks and Solar Lighting **MUST** be installed within the concrete mow strip or on the headstone
- **TEMPORARY DECORATIONS** should be placed as close to the headstone as possible and removed within two weeks

All Grave Markers and Permanent Decorations MUST be approved by the Cemetery Sexton before installation

Spanish Fork City Cemetery Gravesite Decoration Regulations
Revised 1-15-15

Responsibility of Families Concerning Existing Gravesite Decorations

In order to provide a high standard of care with a limited staff it is necessary to implement guidelines governing all permanent decorations in the Spanish Fork City Cemetery. We request assistance from the Cemetery Patrons. All gravesite decoration custodians (family members) must conform to this regulation before May 1, 2015.

For example: Gravesites with existing decorations, shepherd hooks, solar lighting, and any other memorabilia that are installed in the surrounding grass **MUST** be removed and reinstalled on the headstone or well within the concrete mow strip as outlined in Regulation 2 below. Items that do not fit on the headstone should be removed from the cemetery. Items that inadvertently fall to the grass due to wind or other forces are subject to disposal by cemetery staff.

Nothing may be placed on the grass outside of the headstone concrete mowing strip. This includes the junction between the concrete mowing strip and soil directly adjacent to it. Items installed in this area prevent the cemetery staff from mowing and trimming the site professionally and in a timely manner.

Patrons who need assistance in installing the decoration as defined may contact the cemetery sexton. There is a \$25.00 fee per shepherd hook, solar light or any other decoration to cover the cost of the installation. Spanish Fork City will not perform ongoing maintenance of the headstone concrete base nor for the shepherd hook, solar light or any other decoration.

Regulation 1: Flowers on Graves

The following procedures are followed for maintaining and disposing of flowers on graves:

Fresh cut flowers will remain on graves until they appear to be out of condition as determined by cemetery personnel. Once the flowers are no longer attractive, the cemetery staff will dispose of the flowers and the container provided for them.

Containers of flowers will remain on the grave for a period of at least one week following the graveside service. If flowers still look nice, they may remain longer. If family members request flowers to be disposed of at any time, cemetery personnel will accommodate them.

Plastic flowers are allowed to be placed in the cemetery, provided they are placed in the headstone flower holes so as to allow maintenance of cemetery grounds. Plastic flowers may be removed at anytime if they are determined to be unsightly or create maintenance problems.

Regulation 2: Permanent Decorations

In order to provide a high standard of care with a limited staff it is necessary to implement guidelines governing all permanent decorations. **All shepherd hooks, works of art and solar lights must be approved by the Sexton before installation.** If installed, such decoration must be placed in the concrete or stone base of the headstone, marker or monument. These items must be secured to the grave marker base by means of holes drilled in the concrete or by other secure attachment. These items cannot project beyond the headstone base in any horizontal direction nor can the items exceed seven feet in height from the ground elevation. Nothing may be placed on the grass outside of the headstone concrete or stone mowing strip.



Outlining of the gravesite using bricks, rocks, concrete, flowers or any other decoration or device is prohibited. This prevents the cemetery staff from mowing and trimming the site.

All decorations are subject to removal and disposal by cemetery staff when they are determined to be unsightly or create maintenance problems. These guidelines are intended to provide a cemetery facility with the most pleasing and uniform appearance that is acceptable to the majority of cemetery patrons.

Regulation 3: Tree and Shrub Care

In order to provide a high standard of care with a limited staff it is necessary to implement guidelines governing the planting of trees, shrubs and flowers at the headstone locations. Trees and shrubs are not to be planted, pruned or removed by the public without the consent of the cemetery sexton.

All tree care is performed or overseen by cemetery staff. Diseased or damaged trees are removed by cemetery staff, and the staff plants all new trees. Pruning of trees is to be done under the direction of cemetery personnel. Requests for tree removal when the tree is intrusive to a grave or a grave marker will be honored. However, every attempt is made to save the tree if possible.