



# Cedar City Cemetery Decorations Guidelines

In order to ensure a safe, aesthetic and enjoyable environment for patrons of the cemetery year-round, the Cemetery staff would like you to be aware of the following guidelines on where to place decorative items on the headstones of your loved ones. This allows the patrons and cemetery crew to be safe while working around the headstone.

- **TEMPORARY ZONE:** Please place all ground-level flowers and decorations to the sides of the headstone, preferably on the concrete base area. This allows staff to work in front and behind the headstone without damaging anything you have placed near your loved-one's headstone. This is called the "Temporary Zone" and items for this area would be **potted plants, flower arrangements on wire stands, solar lights** or anything else inserted in the ground. This includes **shepherd's hooks**, which are one of the larger safety hazards in the Cemetery and are discouraged. If they are used, shepherd's hooks should be in line and centered with the headstone so anyone passing by does not run into, or get caught on, the end of the hook. Items in the "Temporary Zone" should be removed within 5 days of the holiday. Any items remaining after the 5 days will be removed and discarded by the Cemetery Staff and Volunteers during the cleanup.
- **SMALL & LIGHT ITEMS:** Smaller and lighter items (toy cars, stuffed animals, trinkets and knickknacks) that may get caught or moved by machinery (mowers and line trimmers) should be placed on top of the headstone or on an elevated section of the headstone to minimize the potential of the decoration being disturbed. These items may remain on the headstone as long as they do not detract from the look and safety of the Cemetery. The Sexton will remove these items once they become unsightly or unsafe. The use of fragile and breakable items (glass, ceramic, etc.) are discouraged. If they break it is difficult to remove all the broken pieces and any that are not removed are a serious hazard to patrons and staff.

**Below is an illustrated example for suggested placement of items to memorialize your loved one.**

The **Red** area is for **smaller and lighter** items.

The **Green** area is for larger tokens and anything inserted in the ground (**shepherd's hooks and solar lights**).

# Cleanup Nov. 17, 2017

Please be aware on Nov. 17, 2017 all tokens left in the “Temporary Zone” around the headstone of your loved one, will be removed by the Sexton, or his staff and volunteers. This allows them the ability to continue to maintain the Cemetery grounds. Any items left at the grave site after Thursday Nov. 17 will be respectfully disposed.

This process is in accordance with Chapter 14 of the City ordinance:

## **Section 14-20. Flowers, Decorations and Shrubbery**

*No permanent planting of any kind or description shall be permitted in and about any marker or headstone or upon any grave from and after the effective date of this Ordinance except for landscaping done by the City.*

*Flowers or other decorations placed upon any grave within said Cemetery shall be removed by the Sexton after five (5) days from the date the same was placed upon said grave.*

*We hope you have a wonderful experience in the Cedar City Cemetery paying your respects to loved ones. We encourage the use of the [www.BillionGraves.com](http://www.BillionGraves.com) app to find headstones. Thank you to the many volunteers and patrons who help us keep the Cemetery beautiful and a place of peace. -- Cedar City Cemetery Sexton*

