

Naperville Cemetery

705 S. Washington St.
Naperville, IL 60540

PLANTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2023

We wish to sincerely thank you for choosing the Naperville Cemetery as the final resting place for your loved one. The interdenominational Naperville Cemetery was founded in 1842 and is home to many of Naperville's founding fathers including Captain Joe Naper. We take great pride in the Cemetery's appearance and its ability to continually serve the citizens of Naperville and the surrounding community. It is our hope that the following guidelines will help us to safeguard the beauty and serenity of the Cemetery for everyone.

..... Board of Directors, Naperville Cemetery Association

GRAVE PLANTINGS:

Lot owners may plant annual flowers only on the grave side of the marker in the planting bed itself. Planting beds, including any borders, may not exceed 18 inches in length from the edge of the granite apron under the marker onto the grave. The width, including the border, of the planting bed (right to left) may not exceed the width (right to left) of the granite apron under the marker. No borders around or within the lots or graves will be permitted except for the planting beds.

If the lot owner wishes to place a plaque, statue or solar light on a grave, it must be placed inside the 18-inch planting bed and only one plaque, statue or solar light per burial will be allowed in the planting bed. The plaque, statue or solar light shall not exceed 12 inches in height. Candles or any other objects with an open flame are not allowed.

If the planting bed becomes overgrown or becomes unsightly, the Cemetery will contact the lot owner. If the lot owner cannot be contacted or fails to clean the area within 10 days of notification, the Cemetery reserves the right to remove the plantings.

Effective March 1, 2011, the planting of shrubs on graves will no longer be permitted. Existing shrubs cannot exceed the height or width of the marker. Lot owners will be asked to either trim or remove existing shrubs that do not comply. When a burial takes place where there is an existing shrub and/or plantings either on the grave being opened or next to that grave, the Cemetery will not be responsible for any damage to those shrubs and/or plantings nor will the Cemetery be responsible for their replacement. Rose bushes are considered shrubs.

After March 1, 2011 ornamental grasses will be prohibited. All existing ornamental grasses must be removed by June 1, 2011.

The following items are expressly prohibited and will be removed when found.

Shepherd Hooks	Glass Vases or Containers	Pinwheels & Banners	Wind Chimes & Tree Hangings
Metal Wreathes & Trellises	Rocks or Marbles	Metal or Aluminum Cans	Candles

Any item placed on a lot or grave which the Association deems offensive, improper, injurious or unsuitable or not in keeping with the rules of the Association will be removed without notice. The Association assumes no responsibility for the retention of such items.

(PLEASE SEE OTHER SIDE)

No wind chimes or other hanging items may be attached to any trees, shrubs or structures in the Cemetery. Any items hanging from trees, shrubs or structures will be removed immediately.

No animals, leashed or unleashed, are allowed in the Cemetery.

Gardeners, other than lot owners, including florists must register with the Cemetery office to receive a copy of the planting rules and regulations prior to working in the Cemetery.

All funeral designs or floral pieces will be removed and discarded as soon as they become unsightly.

The Association accepts no responsibility for the damage or loss of items placed on individual lots.

The Naperville Cemetery Association reserves the right to control every tree, shrub, vine or plant growing in and/or planted within the Cemetery. The Association will use reasonable care in examining trees and remove trees or limbs in unsound or dangerous condition. The Naperville Cemetery expressly disclaims responsibility for damage either to persons or property resulting from falling trees or parts of trees.

It is the responsibility of the lot owner and/or visitor to remain up to date on the current Rules & Regulations before placing any items at a grave site.

SPRING AND FALL CLEANUP

Signs will be posted in the Cemetery stating the dates of the cleanup prior to the cleanup date.

Spring cleanup will take place March 7, weather permitting.

Fall cleanup will take place November 7, weather permitting.

All items left on graves will be removed from the grave/planting areas and **discarded**. This includes any type of items left on the foundations surrounding the markers, on the markers themselves, in vases attached to the markers or in stand alone vases. **Items include but are not limited to:** flowers (live or artificial), statuary, plaques, solar lights, toys, stuffed animals, decorative flags, with the exception of American and international flags.

Anything the lot owners wish to keep must be removed from the Cemetery prior to the cleanups. You may call the Cemetery office at (630) 355-1057 if you are unsure if the cleanups have been completed or if you have questions regarding the cleanup. Cemetery office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

NICHES AND CRYPTS

Ceramic photos attached to the niche and crypt fronts are not permitted.

Only one floral or tribute piece per niche or crypt is allowed.

Please check with the office before proceeding with any items on the graves, niches and crypts if you do not see it specifically outlined in the Rules and Regulations.

THE NAPERVILLE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CORRECT, AMEND OR INTERPRET THE PLANTING RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE CEMETERY AT ANY TIME WITHOUT PRIOR NOTICE. ALL DECISIONS BY THE ASSOCIATION BOARD AND STAFF ARE FINAL.

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IT IS THE LOT OWNER'S DECISION REGARDING:

- Who may be buried in a grave, niche or crypt.
- Who approves a disinterment.
- Who approves the marker or monument.
- Who approves the engraving (pending approval from the association).
- Who approves plantings and decorations.

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- **Markers:** Grave markers, sometimes called headstones or footstones, shall mean the memorial intended to indicate the location of a particular grave. The engraving of the names and dates on the front of the marker **must** face the walkway. The Association reserves the right to approve any engraving on a marker or monument and the placement of said marker or monument on the lot. In Sections 12, 14 and 15, a family memorial can be set in the center of 12 graves. When a family marker is placed, individual markers must be flush markers. The Cemetery Association will refuse to permit any engraving that the Cemetery Association determines, in its sole discretion to be inappropriate or offensive. The Cemetery Association believes the engravings must be appropriate for all past, present and future generations.
- On a single grave, the marker must be a maximum length of two feet four inches, maximum width of one foot two inches and a maximum height of two feet. These figures do not apply to Babyland. Owners are encouraged to check with the Association before ordering a single grave marker or large monument.
- All markers of stone on a family lot shall be of the same kind, color and size and uniform in design and workmanship as the other stone markers on the lot.
- All monuments, markers, stones, vases, settees and any other monumental structures **must** be set upon a foundation built of concrete with a granite apron of sufficient size to support the superstructure. The Association reserves the right to build all foundations. Foundations must be paid for in advance by either the lot owner or the monument dealer. The lot owner must sign a permit authorizing the foundation and marker. The Association reserves the right to set all markers. Foundations will not be poured when the weather is such that a frost line is present. The upkeep and maintenance of all markers, monuments and foundations are the sole responsibility of the lot owner.

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- Polished bases are not permitted. Western slants must have a rock sided base.
- Cemetery approval must be obtained for any marker or monument that exceeds a total height of five feet.
- Any plans for mausoleums or crypts must be presented to the Cemetery for approval.
- All markers and monuments are the responsibility of the lot owner(s) and their heirs to keep in good repair. Any and all repair work expense to the marker, monument or foundation is the responsibility of the lot owner(s) and their heirs. The cemetery reserves the right to request lot owner(s) and their heirs to replace foundations that have deteriorated over time.
- All markers, monuments and mausoleums must be made of granite or bronze.
- **Plantings:** Flowers may be planted behind the marker on the grave.
- The cemetery reserves the right to remove any plantings that may prevent the opening of nearby graves. The cemetery is not responsible for replacing those plantings. See the planting and rules regulations.
- **Trees:** The location and installation or removal of trees and plantings is at the cemetery's discretion.
- **Cleanup:** Spring and Fall clean-up starts March 7 and November 7 weather permitting. Decorations not removed by you are discarded. As a reminder, signs are posted at all entrances to the cemetery a month or more prior to clean-up. When the signs come down, you may bring your decorations back into the cemetery.
- Please review all rules and regulations listed on the back of your deed. You may contact the cemetery office with questions between 9 am – 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday.

THE CEMETERY ASSOCIATION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO CHANGE THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS AT ANY TIME.