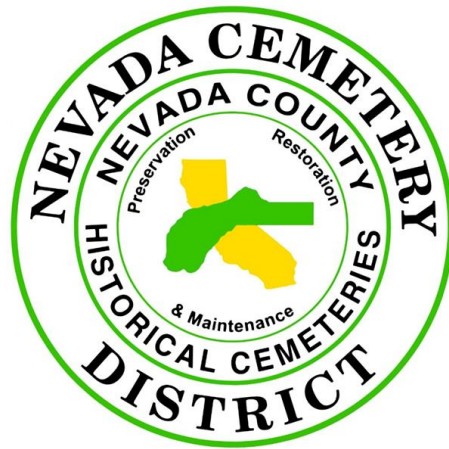


Nevada Cemetery District Cemetery Regulations

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REGULATIONS

A. DEFINITIONS

As used in these regulations, these terms have the following meanings:

1. **H & S Code** means the California Health and Safety Code, Division 7, Division 8, and Division 102 (<http://www.leginfo.ca.gov>)
2. **Board** means the Board of Trustees of the Nevada Cemetery District.
3. **District** means the Nevada Cemetery District.
4. **Manager** means the Manager of the Nevada Cemetery District.
5. **Interment Rights Holder** means a person who has purchased interment rights from the Nevada Cemetery District.

B. CARE OF INTERMENT PLOTS AND CEMETERY GROUNDS

The control of the grounds of all Nevada Cemetery District cemeteries is vested in the Board; Interment Rights Holders and others are entitled only to such privileges within the grounds as are provided by these regulations.

1. No person may plant trees, shrubs, bushes or flowers on cemetery grounds. Donations for plants are acceptable, but they will be selected and placed under the direction of the Manager.
 - a) Families may plant native flowers/plants/bulbs only on Green Burial graves after interment, with prior approval from the District. The family is responsible for the maintenance of said plants/flowers. The District is not responsible for the on-going care of any natural beautification made to graves, and will remove items that are not in compliance or affects adjacent graves.
2. Nothing other than fresh-cut or artificial flowers may be placed on any interment plot. Any statues, toys, boxes, globes, shells, cans, jugs, bottles, bric-a-brac or other objects will be removed and disposed of by District personnel.
3. No person may gather flowers, nor disturb growing plants, nor trespass on any interment plot of which he or she does not hold the interment rights.
4. If any tree, shrub, plant, or vine situated on any interment plot by reason of roots, branches, height, shade or other feature becomes detrimental or unsightly to adjacent plots, paths, streets, or cemetery grounds, District personnel may enter the plot and remove or trim the tree, shrub, plant or vine as deemed necessary, **including** Green Burial sections.

5. Except for an excavation for the completion of an interment, no person may remove any earth or in any way damage cemetery grounds or leave any grass, earth or rubbish of any kind on the grounds. Dead flowers and other rubbish must be placed in containers provided for public use within the cemetery grounds.
6. All benches set in District cemeteries must be purchased through the Nevada Cemetery District office and such benches must be made of granite, marble or other approved stone. District personnel will set the benches in approved locations in District cemeteries. Any benches that are broken or unsafe will be removed and disposed of by District personnel. No private benches will be allowed at any cemetery locations.
7. Only District personnel may burn most combustible materials within cemetery grounds. Others may burn candles or incense only during attended ceremonies.
8. **The Board reserves the right to make improvements to any interment plot or to any public portion of the cemetery grounds at any time at the cost of the District.**

C. INTERMENTS

Interment Rights Holders, morticians and other authorized persons must comply with the following regulations in the use of plots or niches for interment purposes.

1. Mortuaries and families of the deceased must give a minimum notice to the District of three business days to schedule an interment and a two-day notice for cancellation of a previously scheduled service. The scheduling information for a service must include the day, time, and place of the service, the type of interment, and the completion of an Interment Order.
2. A Permit for Disposition of Human Remains (Interment Permit) must in all cases accompany human remains to a cemetery. A Fax copy of the permit will be accepted at the time of interment, with the original to be provided to the District office within five business days.
3. The District will consider ethnic and religious customs in scheduling a service.
4. A combination of three interments may take place in a full-body plot in most of our cemeteries (one full-body interment plus two cremated remains, or three cremated remains). With the exception of certain sections, such as the Green Burial sections, additional restrictions apply.
5. Cremation plots in Deer Creek Cemetery and Elster Memorial Lawn are limited to two cremated remains.
6. Double-depth full-body interments are not allowed in any District cemetery.
7. All interment plots must have no less than 18 inches of dirt or turf on top of all vaults or caskets as measured at the time of burial (H & S Code 8113.1).

8. A casket with handles is required for all full-body interments. At the minimum, the casket may be made of wood. District Staff must inspect all homemade caskets prior to interment (excluding Green Burial sections, additional restrictions apply).
9. No casket may be opened before, during, or following a service without the written permission of the deceased's family and then only under the direct supervision of the funeral director in charge.
10. District provides all concrete, poly and cremation vaults that are required for infant and adult interments in District Cemeteries (excluding Green Burial sections).
11. All full-body interments are required to have a receptacle that meets the following specifications (excluding Green Burial sections).
 - a. All concrete products must have steel reinforcement and meet the National Concrete Burial Vault Association criteria with a compressive strength of at least 5,000 psi.
 - b. Concrete and polypropylene vaults and liners must be purchased from the Nevada Cemetery District.
12. All cremated remains placed in a District niche column must be in a sealable stainless steel, bronze, ceramic, or porcelain container.
13. All cremated remains to be placed in-ground must first be placed in a highly durable urn that may be made of poly-plastic. All cremated remains urns must be placed in cremation vaults for in-ground interments (Excluding Green Burial sections).
14. No interment can be made on any of the holidays recognized by the District, nor may an interment take place on a Sunday, unless the interment is ordered by a public health officer, and is considered an extreme emergency. An additional fee as set by the Board will be charged for all Saturday, Sunday, or holiday burials. All District interments must be scheduled after 9:00 a.m. and prior to 1:30 p.m.
15. No services in connection with an interment will be provided until the charges for such services as fixed by the Board have been paid in advance to the District office (California Constitution, Article 16, Section 6).
16. All persons acting as casket bearers or pallbearers during funeral services who transport a casket from a hearse to an interment plot will do so at their own risk.
17. No Interment Rights Holder may allow an interment to be made in the holder's plot for remuneration.
18. California Laws pertaining to the Operation of Public Cemeteries is located in Division 8, Section 9000 in the California Health and Safety Code.

19. All persons under 18 must be under the direct supervision of a responsible adult.
20. No alcoholic beverages allowed on cemetery grounds.
21. No fires or open flames allowed on cemetery grounds.
22. No camping or loitering on cemetery grounds.
23. All dogs must be kept on a leash or other restraints and must be cleaned up after.
24. No one will be allowed on cemetery grounds from dusk till dawn.

D. MEMORIAL MARKERS

1. Both upright and flat permanent memorial markers are allowed in most District cemeteries. Subject to specific location regulations, such as, cremation sections, upright monument sections, Veterans sections, green burial sections.
2. Maximum permanent marker sizes for single full-body plots:
Maximum height of 60 inches and a base of 36 inches wide by 24 inches deep, must not exceed 42 inches including required concrete foundation.
3. Maximum permanent marker sizes for full-body side by side plots:
Maximum height of 60 inches and a base of 48 inches wide by 24 inches deep, must not exceed 54 inches including required concrete foundation.
4. Temporary markers must be replaced by permanent markers within 12 months of interment.
5. All Veterans markers will be set by the District at any Nevada Cemetery District location, no outside mortuary or monument company will receive approval.
6. Markers for in-ground cremation plots located in District lawn cemeteries including, Deer Creek and Elster Memorial must be 12 inches by 6 inches and made of bronze. They will be provided by the District with the cost covered by the interment rights purchase.
7. All permanent memorial markers set in District cemeteries must be made of granite, marble, or bronze. All other marker materials must be approved in advance by the Cemetery Manager.
8. Green Burial sections are subject to exceptions and more strict regulations if grave is marked with permanent marker. All markers in these sections must be approved by the District, no exceptions.

9. All permanent memorial markers in District cemeteries must be set in a concrete foundation with a minimum thickness of 3 inches. Exposed foundation border is personal preference- however, border must not be less than 3 inches for flat markers and 4 inches for monuments or upright markers.
10. In cemeteries other than Deer Creek and Elster Memorial, the District will allow the installation of privately purchased markers by mortuaries and monument companies that have submitted liability insurance documents to the District office at 10523 Willow Valley Road, Nevada City CA 95959. The District must be named as an additional insured with proper policy endorsements in the amount of \$1,000,000 combined single limit and must be received a minimum of 15 days prior notice of cancellation of insurance. Evidence of worker's compensation insurance meeting the requirement of California law must be provided to the District office when a company's employees are working on District property or facilities. Notice of cancellation of worker's compensation insurance must be provided to the District at least 15 days prior to cancellation.
11. A layout fee, in an amount set forth by the Board of the Nevada Cemetery District, will be charged for all privately purchased markers set by outside companies.
12. A setting fee, in an amount set forth by the Board of the Nevada Cemetery District will be charged for all markers set by the District, which includes required standard concrete foundation. Custom foundation may have additional charges.
13. The District sets all markers at Deer Creek Cemetery and Elster Memorial Lawn. Monument companies and mortuaries that provide markers for these cemeteries should deliver them to District office at 10523 Willow Valley Road, Nevada City, and the District will set them on a time-permitting basis.
14. Mortuaries and monument companies must call, fax, e-mail, or mail a description of a marker to the Manager for review before ordering a marker.
15. The wording for a memorial marker must be approved in advance by the Manager and may be provided only by an agent or person specified by H & S Code 7100, and in the order specified by that Code.
16. The District is not liable under any circumstances for memorial markers, including damage, theft, vandalism or deterioration. The District does not own the memorial markers. The District may, at its sole discretion, repair or replace a damaged marker. The District may also repair, remove or replace any marker that is a threat to public safety.
17. Markers must not be set until all cemetery charges have been paid in full.

E. FLOWERS

1. Flowers (fresh-cut or artificial) may be placed only in approved in-ground vases or in marker foundations. Flowers will be removed by District personnel as they become unsightly. Unauthorized containers will be removed and disposed of by District personnel.
2. Artificial flowers are allowed year-round at all natural cemeteries.
3. Artificial flowers are allowed at all lawn cemeteries except during mowing season from March 1 to November 1.
4. Floral arrangements will be allowed on graves immediately following interment and will be removed at a later date at the discretion of the District.
5. Artificial wreaths are allowed only during the Christmas season (December 15-January 1) and Memorial Day and the week immediately following.
6. Every reasonable effort will be made to care for flowers placed on graves, but the District is not responsible for anything of a moveable character that may be stolen or lost.
7. No person may place or pour sand, gravel, rocks, cement, casting plaster, or metal of any kind in vases, cans, or flower containers because of hazards to District equipment and public safety.
8. No glass or breakable containers are allowed, no exceptions.
9. No live plants are permitted in vases or pots of any kind at any lawn cemetery.
10. Each grave is limited to two flower vases.