CEMETERY ADORNMENTS GUIDE

NORTH VANCOUVER CEMETERY

This guide is intended to help you choose permitted items to adorn your loved one's in-ground burial lot.

A memorial adornment, or decoration, is a meaningful item placed on a burial lot to honour and remember a loved one.

For the safety and enjoyment of all visitors and staff, only approved memorial adornments are allowed at the North Vancouver Cemetery.

Approved Adornments for In-Ground Burial Lots

- **FRESH-CUT FLOWERS:** Placed directly on the surface of the memorial marker or in an in-ground vase that is purchased from and installed by the City.
- **ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS:** Allowed only in an in-ground vase purchased from and installed by the City.
- **UP TO TWO SMALL POTTED PLANTS:** In a plastic or biodegradable container that is no larger than 20 centimetres in diameter.

Items not listed are not allowed anywhere in the cemetery and will be respectfully removed.

Flowers and plants may also be removed once they are no longer in good condition to help maintain the cemetery's upkeep and beauty.

For more information on approved memorial adornments, please refer to the Cemetery Bylaw, No. 8109.

The City is not responsible for the maintenance or preservation of any lot adornment and reserves the right to remove any non-permitted items without notice.



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In-Ground Vases

Only in-ground vases purchased directly from the City and installed by cemetery staff are allowed on in-ground burial lots. A maximum of two vases may be installed per lot, where lot sizes allow.

For more information on purchasing a vase, please contact the Cemetery Office.

New Burials

On the day of internment, you may adorn an in-ground burial lot with any floral tribute, such as flowers, wreath stands, baskets and casket sprays. These tributes may be removed after 14 days or once they are no longer in good condition.

If you wish to preserve your flowers, we kindly ask that you retrieve them as soon as possible following interment.

Veterans and Remembrance Day

Each year during Veteran's Week (November 5-11), the cemetery decorates veteran's lots with little white crosses. These crosses are installed one week before Remembrance Day (November 11) and remain in place for one week after.

Columbaria

To maintain the beauty and integrity of the columbaria, no items may be attached to the structure in any way. Items placed on or around the columbaria, including flowers or other decorations, will be respectfully removed.

Natural Area Considerations

WILDLIFE: The cemetery is part of a natural environment where wild animals (bears, coyotes, deer, etc.) may roam. Please be aware that animals may eat flowers and plants left in the cemetery. Please do not actively feed wildlife.

FLOWER PACKAGING: Please remove plastic wrap, water tubes, and other non-biodegradable materials from flowers before leaving them in the cemetery, as these can negatively affect the natural environment and wildlife.

FIRE SAFETY: To ensure the safety of everyone, the use of open flames is strictly prohibited. This includes candles, lanterns, incense and all other fire hazards.

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