

Monument Cleaning

In addition to the natural staining causes of memorials, today's industrialized economy with its airborne pollutants has increased the problem of dirty, grimy memorials at an increasing rate.

Catholic Cemeteries feels strongly that a clean monument not only enhances the natural qualities of the granite -but will add to the over-all beauty of a well-kept cemetery.

While it might be the intention of the Certificate-holder of the memorials to keep it clean, it is generally agreed that over the years this does not take place.

We therefore recommend to the Certificate-holder and their heirs to consider the Cemetery's Monument cleaning program.

The cemetery staff can help clean the following types of stains from your family monument:

Types of Stains

Moisture Stains

*Oil and Grease Stains
surrounding area*

Organic Stains

*Rust or Years of
Accumulated Dirt*

Other stains

Problems with the stains

Dark in color than the surrounding area. Grain of granite can be seen through stain. "New" moisture appears to be quite translucent.

Darker or blacker in color than grain of granite can be seen through. Stain appears to be more translucent and glossy. Turns yellow in color after a period of time.

Trees, Flowers, Birds, & Animals can all stain monuments. Dark in color.

Yellowish or brown in color on the surface of the granite. Iron Deposits absorbed into granite's finish.

Adhesive: Moisture trapped by glue from labels, tags, stickers.

Food and Tobacco stains.

Salt: White appearance, traces of crystals.

Acid burns: lighter in appearance than surrounding areas.

Paint: noticeable color change.