



Catholic Cemeteries of Long Island

Seasonal Decorations for Gravesites

When to Place/Remove (2024)

Holiday	Celebration Date	Put Down on or after this Date	Take Away Before this Date	Days Permitted
Advent-Christmas 2023	12/25/23	11/24/23	1/15/24	52
Valentine's Day	2/14/24	2/3/24	2/21/24	18
Saint Patrick's Day	3/17/24	3/7/24	3/25/24	18
<i>With the Spring thaw, generally comes milder temperatures and dry weather (ideally dry soil conditions), this presents the opportunity for pre-seeding clean up. Therefore, the cemetery may frequently enforce rules and regulations to prepare the grounds for a Spring Season's work of soil aeration, fertilization, topsoil placement and/or seed work. The weather conditions dictate when the work is scheduled.</i>				
Palm Sunday-Easter	3/24/24; 3/31/24	3/18/24	4/8/24	22
Mother's Day	5/12/24	5/4/24	5/20/24	16
Memorial Day	5/27/24	5/18/24	6/3/24	16
Father's Day	6/16/24	6/8/24	6/24/24	16
Independence Day	7/4/24	6/26/24	7/12/24	16
<i>In late August, with cooler night temperatures, as Labor Day approaches thru mid-October (Columbus Day), the Fall Fertilization and seeding clean up commences. The cemetery may frequently enforce rules and regulations to prepare the grounds for a Fall Season's soil placement, fertilization, and pre-winter seed work. The weather conditions dictate when the work is scheduled.</i>				
All Saints Day (All Hallows' Eve)	11/1/24	10/22/24	11/7/24	16
Thanksgiving Day	11/28/24	11/16/24	12/2/24	16
Advent-Christmas	12/25/24	11/29/24	1/15/25	48

- **This schedule applies to gravesites. Decorations are not permitted in mausoleums at any time. Items should not be attached to crypt/niche covers or placed in front of crypts/niches. Floral stands in the mausoleums are intended for floral bouquets ONLY. Please do not place any other items (decorations, small trees, etc) on floral stands. Please contact the cemetery regarding approved programs for crypts and niches.**
- Inclement weather, burial activity, and other types of ground maintenance may affect the above decoration clean-up schedule.
- Potted plants are permitted to be placed on graves for the Holy Days and Holidays but will be removed one week after the day of celebration, unless removed from pots and planted in the ground, where permitted.
- Cut flowers are permitted when placed in an approved container in the planting area. "Out of sight" flush flower vases may be used for this purpose. Artificial flowers are permitted during the winter months only (November 1 until one week after Easter).
- Because the cemetery grounds are open to the public, we cannot guarantee items from damage or disappearance. Any item placed at the burial site should be considered at risk for a loss. No placed item is permanent to the site.
- Cemetery grounds regulations are enforced daily, and general clean-up of all sections takes place periodically throughout the year. During these times, all grave planting and decorating violations are subject to removal. The placement of all items is regulated for the common good of all owners.
- Any item placed in violation of the planting and decorating regulations is subject to removal and disposal **without notice or compensation**. Permitted items are subject to removal and disposal without notice or compensation when such items are damaged, unsightly, out of season, or placed outside of the permitted planting and decorating areas. Permitted items of inappropriate size may also be removed and not replaced.
- At times, permitted items are removed from grave locations to accommodate burial activity, foundation and monument work, or other maintenance activity. Depending on the type of work, several days may lapse before the approved items can be reset. For this reason, we encourage you to plant seasonally and select items that can survive unearthed for a period of several days. All decorative items (including approved floral holders) should be clearly marked with the cemetery location (Section-Range-Lot identifiers).

For additional details, visit www.CCLongIsland.org, or contact us at info@cclongisland.org.

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