

DORCHESTER UNION CEMETERY REMINDER NOTICES

Please be reminded that dogs and other pets must be restrained by a proper leash and accompanied by their owner when visiting the cemetery grounds, and remember to “Stoop & Scoop” after your pet.

FLOWER BEDS

Flower beds are permitted in front of upright monuments and markers located at the head of lots. The flower beds must not exceed the width of the monument/marker base and must not exceed 50.8 cm (20 inches) distance from the monument/marker base. Therefore, flowers/plants/shrubs, etc. are not permitted behind the monument as the rights to this area may belong to other individuals or the Municipality. Exceptions may apply to those that have the rights to the lots in front and behind a monument/marker and/or where multiple monuments/markers (ie. 2 or 3 monuments/markers in a row) have been installed by the same Interment Rights Holder/Family.

Borders, fences, railing, cut-stone coping and hedges in or around lots are not permitted, except that borders to protect flowers can be installed by permission of the Cemetery Manager. The borders around flower beds must not exceed the width of the monument/marker base located at the head of a grave and must not exceed 50.8 cm (20 inches) distance from the monument/marker base.

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS/PLANTERS

Artificial flowers, wreaths, potted plants (planters), etc. are permitted to be placed on a lot after November 15th however must be removed by April 1st of each year.

ANNUAL FLOWERS

All annual flowers must be removed or cleaned up by October 15th of each year.

MOON RAYS/OTHER ARTICLES

All moon rays and other free standing articles must be placed in a defined flower bed to allow the Cemetery Caretaker to perform general cemetery operations in an effective and efficient manner.

Moon rays and other articles are not permitted in the Flat Marker Section (Section 5, Ranges G-H, Rows 5-9) or the Urn Garden and must be removed.

GENERAL

No glass containers or breakable pottery/ornamental items are permitted.

A defined flower bed is a flower bed free of weeds and grass and created in accordance with flower bed rules and regulations.

All flower beds are required to be maintained. If you are unable to maintain the flower bed, it should be removed.

PLEASE NOTE:

The Municipal Staff continue to ensure compliance with the Cemetery By-law as it relates to flowers/flower beds and free standing articles. Please ensure you are in compliance with the by-law ([87-2017](#)).

DECORATION SUNDAY

Decoration Sunday is always held on Father's Day.

Please keep in mind the Rules and Regulations regarding flower beds, annual flowers, artificial flowers, moon rays, free standing articles, etc. when decorating on Decoration Day.

FOUNDATIONS

The Municipality pours foundations for monuments twice a year. The first pouring is completed the first week in June in order that monuments can be placed in time for Father's Day. The second pouring is completed in the early fall in order that monuments can be placed in time for Thanksgiving weekend.

INTERMENT ARRANGEMENTS

When making arrangements for interments in the Dorchester Union Cemetery, please keep in mind the following regulation as outlined in the Municipality's Cemetery Regulations By-law (No. 87-2017):

"Notice of each interment to be made shall be given to the Cemetery Manager/ Cemetery/Administrative Coordinator at least sixteen (16) working hours (2 business days) in advance for summer interments (Apr 1 - Nov 30), except under special circumstances. The Cemetery has the authority to request twenty-four (24) working hours (3 business days) notice in advance for winter interments (Dec 1 - Mar 31). The Municipality cannot be responsible for having lots prepared for funerals unless such notice is given."