

## St. Thomas Aquinas Cemetery Rules and Regulations

- Visitors are welcome at the cemetery from dawn to dusk.
- St. Thomas Aquinas Cemetery is dedicated to long range preservation of the cemetery grounds as an attractive, reverent setting for the sacred burial of the deceased. Accordingly, rules and regulations are in place to ensure uniformity and continuing aesthetic appeal.
- American flags will be placed on the graves of veterans the week before Memorial Day and will be removed the week of Labor Day.
- During the holiday periods listed below, floral arrangements are allowed from seven days preceding the holiday until seven days after the holiday.

Easter	Memorial Day	Christmas
Mother's Day	Father's Day	All Souls Day
- Floral arrangements/wreaths will be allowed for a period of one week following the interment.
- ONE above ground arrangement per lot is permitted.
- Shepherd hooks are limited to 48 inches in height and ONE per lot.
- The planting of any live shrubs, vines, or tress on any lot is NOT permitted.
- Summer arrangements must be removed by October 15th. The cemetery reserves the right to remove deteriorated flowers, etc. before this date. *(This date may vary—see bulletin for changes.)*
- Winter arrangements must be removed by March 15th. The cemetery reserves the right to remove deteriorated wreaths, flowers, etc. before this date. *(This date may vary, due to Easter (if early) - see bulletin for changes.)*
- Christmas trees, of any size, are NOT permitted.
- Decorative seasonal flags, windsocks, or similar decorations are NOT permitted.
- Decorations such as glass containers, crockery, balloons, votive/vigil lights, candles, pinwheels, metal designs, ornaments, signs, cards, pictures, tripod etchings, toys, solar lights, or other breakable or flammable objects are prohibited. Glass containers, pottery, wire or nails or any other material of any kind that may create a hazard, to workers or visitors, when broken or neglected are strictly forbidden. The cemetery reserves the right to remove and dispose of these articles without notice to the easement holder. The cemetery assumes no responsibility for any decoration placed on a lot, anything placed on a lot is placed at the risk of the owner and no reimbursements for decorations will be made.
- The cemetery reserves the right to remove dead or dying cut flowers, potted plants, or unsightly or faded artificial flowers or arrangements of the same, and their containers or holders, whenever it is deemed necessary for ease in maintenance and to clear the grounds of all memorial materials and containers.

- The cemetery is not responsible for theft, damage, or vandalism of anything placed on graves, lots, or monuments. The cemetery is not responsible for loss or damage of flowers, etc. due to theft or normal process of work at the cemetery. No reimbursements will be made.
- Monuments and flat markers are the personal property of the individuals who purchase them. The cemetery is NOT responsible for privately owned monuments or markers, and damage to same as the result of vandalism and acts of God are the responsibility of the individual owner.
- Water spigots are available for visitors use in watering flowers. One is located behind the chapel. The other is located near the gate at the front of the cemetery. Please be sure the water is completely turned off when you are done using it.
- Rubbish shall be disposed of in the receptacle provided on the grounds.
- The cemetery has the right to fill and level graves and to plant grass on them to assure the maintenance of the property.
- The cemetery reserves the right to remove and not replace already existing trees, shrubs, vines, flowers, and other plantings that through growth encroach on other's lots, become unsightly, diseased, or damaged by accident or weather.
- We ask the cooperation of every family to help enhance the perpetuity and beauty of the cemetery.
- Please direct inquires/comments to the parish office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., with exception of the lunch hour when the office is closed. Your concerns will be directed to the Cemetery Committee and a member will return your call in a timely fashion.
- The cemetery reserves the right to alter/change rules and regulations as deemed necessary without written notice to individual easement holders. Please see cemetery information sign regularly to keep abreast of rules and regulations.