

Antioch Baptist Church

Cemetery Rules and Regulations

Effective June 1, 2012

The following rules and regulations have been adopted to ensure a respectful and clean appearance for the Cemetery and to facilitate the maintenance thereof, while providing families an ample opportunity to remember and honor their deceased loved ones.

Cemetery Lots

1. All lots (gravesites), unless otherwise noted, measure 4 feet wide by 9 feet long. Each lot may accommodate one burial or two cremations.
 - a. All memorial markers and decorations, as permitted, must be placed within those dimensions.
 - b. A headstone must be installed within one year of burial. Headstones must be supported by a concrete base of appropriate size and depth. There are no rules for size or height of headstones.
 - c. Family plot boundary stones may be installed flush with the ground.
 - d. Any lot must be paid for in full before burial can take place.

Flowers, Plantings and Decorations

1. **Artificial and cut flowers** are permitted at any time. Reversible bronze containers, which may be set flush to the ground when not in use, are preferred. Metal or plastic containers, hanging baskets and metal easels may also be used.
 - a. Glass containers, which may cause injury if broken, are PROHIBITED.
 - b. Cut flowers should be removed when wilted.
 - c. Plastic flowers should be removed when they are faded, broken or otherwise unattractive.
 - d. Discarded plastic or cut flowers, and other worn ornamentation, should be placed in the bin provided at the edge of the cemetery or taken home with you. Do not discard items over the fence or along the cemetery boundary.
2. **Plantings** of flowers or small shrubs are discouraged, since these interfere with the routine maintenance of the cemetery, and may be done only with the approval of the Cemetery Committee.
 - a. The planting of trees of any kind is PROHIBITED.
 - b. The Cemetery assumes no responsibility for the upkeep or watering of any plantings, and reserves the right to cut or remove any dead or diseased plants.

3. **Flags** may be placed on the graves of veterans and public servants (police, fire, etc.) for federal and state holidays. Permanent memorial signs or plaques for veterans may be placed on gravesites.
4. The following items are NOT PERMITTED on gravesites:
 - a. Electronic lighting (solar or battery powered)
 - b. Metal, plastic or masonry/stone fences (Existing concrete boundary fences are grandfathered)
 - c. Chairs, benches, or stools
5. The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to remove any item deemed inappropriate, offensive or in violation of the above rules and regulations.

Antioch Baptist Church will provide routine maintenance and exercise reasonable care in the upkeep of the Cemetery grounds, but is not responsible for the damage, theft or breakage (nor subsequent repair) of markers or decorations.

Any questions or requests regarding these rules and regulations should be addressed to:

Antioch Baptist Church
Cemetery Committee
P.O. Box 446
Haymarket, VA 20168