

Tributes Policy

Maintaining a safe environment at Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park

- ❖ Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park Management understands the importance of tributes at grave and memorial sites.
However, breakable items can cause injury and items on or around sites are maintenance hazards.
- ❖ Our tributes policy is in the interest of everyone's safety.
- ❖ Breakable or dangerous items and landscaping are not permitted at sites and will be removed. Items should not be placed on plaques, grass, concrete beams, or paths.
- ❖ Please note that all glass, ceramic, and potentially hazardous items will be removed from sites.
- ❖ Some removed items may be stored for approximately three months and can be collected from our office 9am to 3pm Monday to Friday.
- ❖ As Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park is an environmentally conscious park, we do not encourage the use of plastic artificial flowers. Dead flowers and artificial flowers will also be removed as required.
- ❖ Suitable plastic vases are available for use and can be found in various locations around the park. A maximum of 2 vases per site is permitted.
- ❖ Lawn Cemetery Burial Sites – FRESH & QUALITY IMITATION FLOWERS ONLY
Tributes will be removed immediately from site and may be taken to the maintenance area for safe keeping for approximately three months.
- ❖ Family Estates – Premium Burial Lawns and Gum Nut Baby Burial families are permitted to leave tributes at their sites -The Palmdale Group reserves the right to clean the estates/burial sites and remove tributes if they become in anyway detrimental to the vision of the beauty of the park.

We take no responsibility for tributes left in the grounds.

***Thank you for your understanding and assisting
The Palmdale Group to maintain a safe environment for our community.***

The Palmdale Group Management

THE CARE AND CLEANING OF YOUR MEMORIAL

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Bronze memorials leave the manufacturer with an attractive finish. Years of exposure to the elements will impart a rich, natural patina. However, the natural weathering of bronze memorials is impeded for a few years by a protective coating, but the coating is not permanent – it is not meant to be nor would it be desirable to be so.

Unlike other metals, the colour of bronze is not its original colour but the rich natural patina that only age and weathering can bring. The natural finish is actually a protective coating formed by nature when the manufacturer's coating weathers away. The rate of patina formation varies greatly depending on local atmospheric, weather and soil conditions. Beyond the removal of substances such as artificial flowers or other agents which may cause staining, bronze memorials need no special care to bring about the natural aging process.

Some people prefer to delay the onset of the natural patina. To do this, it is recommended that the plaque be washed with detergent and warm water then coated with a thin film of Bronze Plaque Polish (available through the office) and buffed with a soft cloth. Do not allow a build-up of polish to occur around the lettering and edges.

Please follow the cleaning instructions carefully, using only the suggested materials, as the manufacturer cannot be held responsible for any damage to the plaque due to the use of other materials or methods. Occasionally, requests are received to restore the original finish to a memorial. This may be arranged through Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park.

PALMDALE LAWN CEMETERY & MEMORIAL PARK REGULATIONS

- The following regulations are in place to ensure that Palmdale Lawn Cemetery & Memorial Park is maintained to the highest standards and for the benefit of families visiting the park.
- The speed limit within the park is 15 kilometres per hour. Driving or parking on grassed areas is prohibited.
- The planting of flora is prohibited.
- The cutting or gathering of any plants is prohibited.
- Only vases supplied by Palmdale are to be used for flowers.
- Vases are the property of Palmdale and must not be removed from the park.
- Artificial flowers and mementos are not encouraged.
- Palmdale reserves the right to remove flowers and/or vases for park and garden maintenance.
- On normal working days, funeral vehicles only may enter the area in front of the chapels.
- Visitors to the park are to observe any direction given by Palmdale staff.
- No animals or pets are to be brought into the park.
- Maintenance and care of gardens, family estates and lawns are the responsibility of Palmdale staff. If there are any issues, please contact the Office.
- The clearing of areas around burial plaques is prohibited.



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