

New Bedford

Adopt-A-Tree

The City of New Bedford offers residents the ability to adopt a tree for the purpose of promoting the beauty and ecological health of our City by contributing to the planting of a city-shade tree.

For more information or to request a Donation Acknowledgement Certificate, please contact the office at 508-979-1550.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
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*DEDICATED TO THE CREATION OF
PEACEFUL, TRANQUILE AREAS TO
CELEBRATE THE LIVES OF OUR
LOVED ONES WHO HAVE PASSED*



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DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE
CEMETERY DIVISION

CEMETERY
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PLANTING RULES AND REGULATIONS

- It is the responsibility of the lot owner to maintain and restrict plant material from extending beyond THE DESIGNATED PLANTING AREA OF 12" from the stone or obscuring the name(s) inscribed on any marker or monument on the lot. Unsightly, unattractive and dead plants and their containers as well as invasive plants or plantings over 4' high must be removed.
- Planting in the pathway is NOT allowed and will be removed.
- Annual flowers (geraniums, ageratums, marigolds, petunias, impatiens, etc) are allowed for planting and they must be placed at the level of the prevailing grade not to exceed 12" from the stone. The raising or lowering of planting beds is NOT allowed.
- All Personal items must remain within the designated planting area at ALL times. Any personal items found outside the designated area will be removed.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE NOT ALLOWED

- BARRIERS OF ANY NATURE: BRICKS, STONES, FENCES, DITCHES, MOUNDS, CURBING, FENCES, ETC.
- GLASS CONTAINERS OF ANY KIND
- FLOWER URNS, FLAME TORCHES, VIGIL LIGHTS, AND BATTERY OR SOLAR POWERED LIGHTS
- WOOD CHIPS, RUBBER MULCH AND STONE CHIPS
- SHRUBS, AZALEAS AND ROSEBUSHES
- PERENNIAL FLOWERS
- ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS FROM MAY 1ST- SEPT 30TH
- PLANTINGS OR STRUCTURES OVER 18" HIGH
- CROSSES USED AS MARKERS IN LIEU OF A HEADSTONE OR LARGER THAN 8"
- ANY FLAGS FROM JULY 15 - APRIL 30 WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE WEEK OF VETERAN'S DAY IN NOVEMBER
- **ALL CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS MUST BE REMOVED BEFORE MARCH 1ST**

PLANTING OF TREES ON INDIVIDUAL LOTS IS **NOT** PERMITTED AND WILL BE REMOVED.

All violations will be removed and discarded after ten (10) days if not picked up from the cemetery.

- The Cemetery has the authority to remove all personal items floral designs, flowers, weeds, trees, shrubs, plants, or herbage of any kind from the cemetery as soon as, in the judgment of the Commissioner, they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, or diseased, or when they do not conform to the current regulations.
- The City of New Bedford is NOT liable for any lost, misplaced or broken personal items.
- The City of New Bedford is not responsible for plants, herbage, items or plantings of any kind that conforms to the current regulations and is damaged by the elements, thieves, vandals, or by causes beyond its control.
- The Department of Public Infrastructure has the full vote of the Cemetery Board to enforce all regulations if violated.