



Welcome to Calvary Cemetery

San Angelo, Texas

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This packet is your introduction to important rules and regulations for Calvary Cemetery. The Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, TX owns and oversees all of Calvary Cemetery's operations and maintenance along with the Cemetery staff.

Calvary Cemetery established in 1893 serves as a final resting place for many San Angelo area residents. Part of the effort to maintain the cemetery's dignity is the established "Rules and Regulations" contained in this packet so that all patrons of Calvary Cemetery might understand the importance of preserving the natural beauty of the Cemetery as a place to celebrate life and the loved ones we have lost.

We ask all lot owners and visitors to remember that the grounds of Calvary Cemetery are sacred and devoted to the burial of the dead. Respect for the dead and/or their surviving family and loved ones will be our primary concern, along with maintaining the peace and serenity of the cemetery.

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Calvary Cemetery, San Angelo, Texas
Rules & Regulations

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Rules & Regulations

PURPOSE

These rules and regulations are for the protection of Calvary Cemetery staff and owners ("Owners") of interment rights at Calvary Cemetery ("Cemetery"), San Angelo, Texas, as well as the creation and preservation of the beauty of cemetery grounds.

All Owners of interment rights, visitors, and contractors performing work within the Cemetery are subject to these regulations.

DEFINITIONS

"Owner" means the holder of title to interment rights in any lot or lots in the cemetery for the sole purpose of burying deceased persons.

"Interment" means placement or burial of the remains of a deceased person.

"Memorial" means any marker, monument, or structure upon any lot or niche, for purpose of identification or in memory of the interred.

"Contractor" means any person or business entity, other than an employee of the Cemetery, engaged in placing, erecting, or repairing any memorial or performing any work on the Cemetery grounds.

"Planting", means any tree, shrub, grass, flower or other vegetation.

CEMETERY OFFICE

The Cemetery grounds are located at: 1501 West Avenue N, San Angelo, TX.

The Cemetery office is located at: 804 Ford St., San Angelo, Texas, 76901.

The office telephone number is: (325) 651-7500.

The cemetery Rules and Regulations, Payment Page, Watering Policy, and Monument Installation Page are posted on the Diocese of San Angelo website: <https://sanangelodiocese.org/calvary-cemetery>

Normal business hours are 8-12 a.m. to 1-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. The office closes on the following holidays: Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the Friday after Thanksgiving Day, Immaculate Conception, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Half a day New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day. This list is subject to the scheduling of holidays by the Diocese of San Angelo.

GENERAL INFORMATION

These Rules and Regulations are binding on all persons who enter Calvary Cemetery. The Diocese of San Angelo may, and it hereby expressly reserves the right at any time with or without notice to lot owners, adopt new rules and regulations, amend, alter and/or repeal any rule, regulation or paragraph in this document.

The Cemetery retains to itself, for the benefit of all Owners, full and complete supervision, control, and management of the land, buildings, improvements, roads, walks, utilities, development, books, records, and the full and complete authority, rights, and privileges to make, change, administer, and enforce all Rules and Regulations.

Calvary Cemetery ("Cemetery") agrees and binds itself to convey the exclusive right of sepulture, free of all liens, to the purchaser ("Owner") when payments have been made in full with the express conditions that the same shall be used solely for the burial of the remains of deceased human beings, subject to the rules and regulations of Calvary Cemetery and the state of Texas now in force, or any that may be adopted in the future by the Cemetery.

Calvary Cemetery is operated as a private perpetual care cemetery who's maintenance is provided by the Roman Catholic Diocese of San Angelo, separate and apart from the laws of the State of Texas. Perpetual care means to maintain grass and all trees and plantings provided by Calvary Cemetery; this care is intended ONLY for those plants placed BY AND FOR CALVARY CEMETERY, perpetual markers, monuments, or other decorations.

The Cemetery takes reasonable precautions to protect Owners and the interment rights of Owners within the Cemetery from loss or damage. The Cemetery is not responsible for any loss or damage caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasion, insurrections, riots or any order by any military or civil authority whether the damage be direct or collateral.

OWNERSHIP, PURCHASE, SALE OF INTERMENT RIGHTS

No one shall be prohibited from owning a lot due to race, creed, color, religion, or national origin. Any Owner shall have the right at any time to sell or transfer his/her interest in any lot, if the purchase price has been fully paid. Sales and transfers must be arranged with the Cemetery's office prior to the transfer to ensure that the Cemetery, at all times, has a complete and accurate record of all owners. No sign is permitted within the cemetery indicating that a lot or niche is "For Sale." This also applies to signs, cards, and advertisements of any kind on the Cemetery grounds.

The subdivision of interment rights is not allowed without the consent of the Cemetery Supervisor, and no one shall be buried in any lot unless he/she has a legal interest therein except by written consent of the Cemetery and all parties interested in such lot.

Burial in any lot is not permitted until the cost of the lot and the opening and closing fees are paid in full. An exception is made if payment is guaranteed by an approved funeral home.

Stacking of burials is no longer permitted in Calvary Cemetery with the exception of those contracts that have been grandfathered in. The bottom interment of a stacked burial must be in a concrete box and deep enough to allow the top burial to meet all State guidelines.

The right to enlarge, reduce, re-plat, or change the boundaries or grading of the Cemetery and the right to lay, maintain, operate, or change pipelines or gutters is expressly reserved for the Cemetery. Grave mounds are not allowed, and no lot shall be raised above the established grade. The Cemetery reserves for itself, Owners, and their invitees a perpetual right of ingress and egress over lots for the purpose of passage to and from other lots.

Abandoned Spaces – Reversion: The ownership or right in/to any unoccupied Cemetery lot or space, shall upon ABANDONMENT, revert to the person, firm, or corporation holding ownership of Calvary Cemetery. Such rights include but are not limited to perpetual care and maintenance thereof.

FUNERALS

When a lot is to be used, the Owner/family or its representatives must sign an Interment form before burial can take place. Family plots, containing more than one lot and not completely used, require a family representative to indicate which lot is to be used. This ensures the Cemetery opens the correct grave space.

Any outside container used to line a grave must be of metal, reinforced concrete, or fiberglass. Caskets may be interred with or without an outside container, but it is expressly understood that the Cemetery shall not be responsible for failure of the integrity of any casket for any reason. Such responsibility shall be a matter for resolution between purchaser of casket and seller of same. In case of double depth burials an outside container must be used! **Mausoleum burials require a sealed metal/steel casket.**

MEMORIAL MONUMENTS AND MARKERS

Memorial monuments and markers may not be placed over burial spaces until spaces are paid for in full. Calvary Cemetery charges a permit fee for monuments and markers placed in the Cemetery, which must be paid before installation can take place.

Placement of monuments and markers is strictly regulated; only a professional monument company may place any type of memorial/marker on Cemetery ground. Patrons who may wish to place flowers of any type on a monument or marker are advised to select one with permanently attached vases, urns, and/or cradles of metal or stone.

Calvary Cemetery requires all monument dealers or builders placing any monument or marker in the Cemetery to check with the Cemetery office before beginning work. Companies/dealers must provide a blueprint, sketch, or other adequate description of each memorial, specifying material, size, inscription, name of manufacturer prior to receiving authorization for placement. Monument companies setting markers in the Cemetery must also provide Calvary Cemetery with proof of liability insurance. Installation of monuments may be arranged only in times during which Cemetery staff is available to supervise proper placement; these hours are 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Monday – Friday.

In the event a memorial, foundation or other object is placed or constructed in the Cemetery without the authorization of the Cemetery and other appropriate persons as provided herein, the Cemetery reserves and shall have the right, at the Owner's expense, to remove any unauthorized memorial or other object. **Monuments placed in Calvary Cemetery in violation of the regulations outlined above, or elsewhere in this document will be removed at the expense of the purchaser or his/her agent.**

MONUMENT SIZING RESTRICTIONS

ADULT MONUMENTS

Monuments to be installed on single spaces shall not exceed the following measurements:

Width: 36 inches	Height: 36 inches	Depth: 14 inches
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Monuments designed for placement on double adult spaces shall not exceed the following measurements:

Width: 72 inches	Height: 40 inches	Depth: 15 inches
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CHILD MONUMENTS

Monuments to be installed in areas designated for child/infant burials may not exceed the following measurements:

Width: 20 inches	Height: 24 inches	Depth: 9 inches
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HALF SIZE CREMATION PLOT MONUMENTS

Monuments to be installed in areas designated for half size cremation plots may not exceed the following measurements:

Width: 20 inches	Height: 26 inches	Depth: 10 inches
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LAWN LEVEL MARKERS

Monuments designed as footstones or markers in front of existing headstones. Lawn level markers must be centered on the plot, set flush with the ground, and placed as close as possible to the primary headstone; footstones are to be placed at the foot of a plot.

Single Burial Marker

Width: 24 inches	Height: Ground Level	Depth: 12 inches
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Double Burial Marker/s

Width: 48 inches	Height: Ground Level	Depth: 12 inches
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There will be no variations on monument size restrictions.
All measurements are over-all, i.e. including base.

PLACEMENT OF FLOWERS AND MEMORIAL ITEMS

In order for the setting, peacefulness, and safety of visitors and staff at Calvary Cemetery to be maintained, the following rules have been established. Anything, which mars the general beauty and historic preservation of Calvary Cemetery shall be avoided.

Calvary Cemetery management has the sole discretion in deciding what is unacceptable and what has become unacceptable. Therefore, Owners, family, and friends are requested to follow the requirements below in order to safeguard the peace and serenity of the grounds and not hinder mowing and upkeep requirements.

FLOWERS

Fresh flowers or artificial flowers of silk, plastic, or synthetic material may be placed throughout the year in non-breakable metal/stone urns, vases or on cradles permanently attached to a memorial/monument marker.

- 1) Each plot is allowed **ONE**, non-breakable vase or container, which may hold a single fresh or artificial floral arrangement that is to be staked into the ground. Vases or containers are to be NO LARGER than 12 inches tall and 12 inches wide, with the arrangement not exceeding 16 inches in height (overly tall arrangements will be removed). The vase or container must be on a headstone or placed no farther than 6 inches from the head of the plot or headstone, and absolutely NO Glass, Ceramic, Resin, or other breakable material is allowed. Shepherds hooks and other garden ornaments are prohibited.

The ONLY exception to this rule is if a headstone has two built in vases, in which case, both vases may be used to display a floral arrangement.



Example 1



Example 2



ALL extra flowers that exceed this limit are PROHIBITED and other memorial items not in a proper container or placed in a prohibited area on the ground in front of the memorial/monument **will be removed due to maintenance issues and safety of cemetery grounds staff without exception.**

- 2) All flower and arrangements that become: wilted, dried, faded, torn or scattered will be removed by Cemetery staff without notification. Live planting is only allowed with approval of Calvary Cemetery management.

MEMORIAL ITEMS & PLOT DECORATIONS

- 1) A single, small United States flag to commemorate deceased veterans is allowed, and should be staked no more than 6 inches from the head of a monument or plot; faded or torn flags should be disposed of.
- 2) All items of glass, ceramic (clay), candles, wire, etc. are prohibited on Cemetery grounds due to their hazardous nature. Paper items (photos, pictures, flowers, or cards) are prohibited due to their perishable nature. All alcohol/drug related items are strictly prohibited.
- 3) **ALL FENCING/BORDERS AROUND PLOTS IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND WILL BE REMOVED AND DISCARDED WITHOUT NOTICE**, this includes: Fencing, borders, curbing, bricks, cinder blocks, edging, etc.
- 4) **ALL GRAVE COVERINGS ARE STRICTLY PROHIBITED AND WILL BE REMOVED AND DISCARDED WITHOUT NOTICE**, this includes: landscaping stones, rocks, glass (of any kind), pebbles, cement, mulch, stepping stones, all artificial turf (i.e. artificial grass), etc. ONLY dirt/natural grass should cover a plot.
- 5) **NO BENCHES, CHAIRS, OR LIKE ITEMS ARE PERMITTED TO BE KEPT ON CEMETERY GROUNDS, UNLESS AUTHORIZED BY THE CEMETERY AND ARE SUBJECT TO REMOVAL WITHOUT NOTICE.**
- 6) Items which are a distraction to visitors and contrary to the natural setting of the Cemetery are prohibited including but not limited to all noise, light, motion-producing items such as wind chimes, candles, devotional candles, solar lights, banners, steamers, pinwheels, balloons, ribbons, ornamental balls, and any of the above stated items staked or hung including animal feeders. Chairs and hoses are not to be left in the Cemetery. No items of any type may be hung from any tree, shrub or plant. All items of this nature will be removed from the Cemetery without notification by the Cemetery staff.

When in doubt regarding type and placement of items of commemoration, please contact Calvary Cemetery management.

FUNERAL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS

Funeral designs and floral arrangements will be removed when they lose their color and form and become wilted. Patrons desiring to retain any funeral designs or floral arrangements must remove the same within 10 days after the interment.

SEASONAL DECORATIONS

Fresh or artificial (silk, plastic, or synthetic material) seasonal decorations will be allowed beginning 7 days prior to the following holidays: Martin Luther King Day, Valentine's Day, Mother's Day,

Easter, Memorial Day, Father's Day, Independence Day, Veterans Day, All Souls Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas provided they meet the rules stated previously in this document.

Christmas decorations which meet the same qualifications will be allowed beginning three weeks in advance of Christmas Day. Artificial Christmas trees are not allowed. Seasonal decorations must be removed within 7 days after the holiday; thereafter, the decorations will be removed by the Cemetery staff and disposed of immediately.

MAUSOLEUM DECORATIONS

Mausoleum crypt flowers must be placed in a permanent vase, approved and installed by Cemetery management. The use of decorations which are placed on the ground, on freestanding easels, on wrought iron stands, shepherds hooks, or which are attached directly by wire, tape, glue or such other similar method, is strictly prohibited.

TREES AND SHRUBS

Notice – It is strictly forbidden to plant or cultivate trees, shrubs, flowering plants or grass in Calvary Cemetery without first obtaining a written permit outlining:

- Type of plant
- Location to be planted – Must be approved by cemetery staff in writing prior to planting
- Exact placement at site

Any trees or shrubs not coordinated with Cemetery manager will be removed. Dead trees, shrubs, etc., will also be removed. Oak trees are the recommended trees to be planted due to higher probability of these hearty trees surviving the climate of West Texas.

Tree species allowed: Any Oak, Mondale Pine, and Italian Cypress.

Appointment must be arranged for supervision by Calvary Cemetery staff. Cemetery will NOT provide care (water, fertilizer, etc.) for plantings.

Calvary Cemetery, its agents, and/or staff will not be held accountable for the failure of any trees or plants on the cemetery grounds.

CEMETERY CLEANUP

Calvary Cemetery conducts a bi-annual cleaning of the Cemetery during spring and fall. The cleanup includes removal of ALL flowers and decorations. Notice will be posted when clean-up dates are scheduled. We ask that any individuals who wish to retain flower arrangements remove them from Cemetery grounds prior to these dates. Flowers may be replaced once the clean-up has been completed. Seasonal flowers will be removed 7 days after the holiday (poinsettias after Christmas, lilies after Easter, etc.).

CEMETERY ETIQUETTE

We ask all lot owners and visitors to remember that the grounds of Calvary Cemetery are sacred and devoted to the burial of the dead. Respect for the dead and/or their surviving family and loved ones will be our primary concern, along with maintaining the peace and serenity of the cemetery.

Please adhere to the following etiquette policies:

1. Maintain the proper respect and decorum at the cemetery at all times.
2. Avoid intrusion on a funeral or memorial service.
3. Respect others by keeping voices quiet and avoiding profanity.
4. Turn off your car's radio or entertainment system while driving through the cemetery and while parked.
5. Refrain from any cell phone use during a Cemetery ceremony.
6. Drive only on the roadways.
7. Drive at the posted speed limit, 15 miles per hour.
8. Avoid walking or standing on graves.
10. Feel free to come to the cemetery to visit the dead, enjoy nature, or walk in a beautiful historic place.
11. No dogs or other animals, except guide dogs or other service animals, shall be permitted in the Cemetery.
12. The possession or consumption of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages within the Cemetery is strictly forbidden.
13. Children must be accompanied and supervised by an **adult at all times**.
14. No person or persons, other than law enforcement authorities or Cemetery security personnel, shall be permitted to bring or carry firearms within the Cemetery, except a military guard of honor and then only when in the charge of a military officer and during a military service, and upon prior approval of the Cemetery.