

Caring for our Cemetery

Monthly Decoration Removal Schedule

Our grounds crew maintains and mows different sections of the cemetery each week. To allow families to enjoy their flowers and decorations for as long as possible, gravesite decorations are generally removed during the last week of each month.

During the last week of the month, all flowers and decorations are removed from gravesites so our crew can complete scheduled mowing throughout the cemetery.

If you have an item you would like to keep, please remove it before the last week of the month. Once items have been removed by cemetery staff, they are not retained for later pickup.

Special Anniversary Flags

Cemetery-issued **Special Anniversary Flags** are recognized by our grounds crew and are not removed during the regular monthly decoration removal.

October, November & December

We know that decorations placed during the holiday season are especially meaningful to many families. During **October, November, and December**, we allow additional time for seasonal and holiday decorations. Rather than following the regular monthly removal schedule, **special removal dates will be announced on our Facebook page**. We encourage families to follow Lancaster Cemetery on Facebook for these announcements and other cemetery care updates.

For information about permitted flowers, decorations, containers, and other gravesite items, please refer to our complete **Cemetery Flowers & Decorations Policy**.

Seasonal Headstone Detailing

In addition to regular mowing and grounds maintenance, our grounds crew performs **detailed trimming around headstones four times each year — once in the spring, summer, fall, and winter**. Additional **detailed trimming may occur during the summer when there is rapid growth**.

These seasonal detail periods are scheduled in advance and **announced on our Facebook page**. The announcement gives families an opportunity to remove any flowers or decorations they wish to keep before detailed work begins.

During seasonal detailing, our crew works closely around individual headstones and memorials to trim grass and growth that cannot be addressed through regular mowing.

Need a Little Extra Care?

If you would like **detailed trimming around a headstone or a detailed headstone cleaning** outside of the regular seasonal schedule, these services may be arranged through the Cemetery Office for a fee. Please contact the Cemetery Office for current pricing and scheduling.

A Living Landscape — What's Normal?

Lancaster Cemetery is a living landscape, grass, clover, trees, roses, and other plants continue to grow and change with the seasons — and some areas of the cemetery grow faster or differently than others and its appearance naturally changes throughout the year.

Between seasonal detail trimmings, it is normal for grass to begin growing around the edges of a headstone. Some of our grass does not only grow upward; it also spreads outward and may gradually creep over the edges of flat headstones.

During seasonal detailing, our grounds crew cuts the growth back and away from flat headstones. During periods of rapid growth, particularly in the summer, this may include a heavier trim that temporarily exposes some of the soil surrounding the memorial. This gives the grass room to grow back without immediately covering the headstone.

Both freshly exposed soil around a detailed headstone and grass beginning to grow over its edges can be normal parts of our seasonal maintenance cycle.

What Normal Growth Can Look Like

The examples below show typical grass and groundcover growth that may occur around headstones between seasonal detail trimmings.

JUST DETAILED → *Grass has been cut well back from the headstone. Some exposed soil is normal.*



GROWING BACK → *Grass gradually fills the area surrounding the memorial.*



BETWEEN DETAIL TRIMMINGS → *Grass may reach or begin creeping over the edges of the headstone.*



See Something That Doesn't Look Right? Please Tell Us.

Our staff works throughout the cemetery every day, but with many acres to care for, there may be something we haven't seen yet. If you notice a sunken area, damaged irrigation, a broken fixture, an unusual change in the ground, a safety concern, please let our office know. We appreciate families helping us care for the cemetery. You can call **661-942-6110** or email our District Manager at

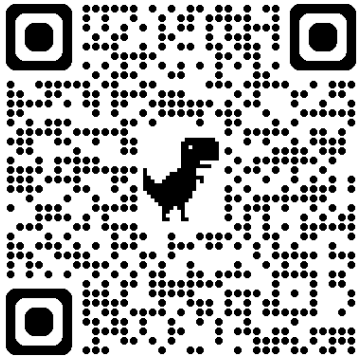
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Seasonal headstone detailing, holiday decoration removal dates, and other cemetery care updates are announced on our Facebook page.

Lancaster Cemetery- Los Angeles County, CA

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Scan to follow Lancaster Cemetery on Facebook.

Thank You for Helping Us Care for Our Cemetery

Lancaster Cemetery is a special place because of the people who care for it — our staff, our families, and our visitors. Thank you for helping us keep the cemetery beautiful, peaceful, and welcoming for everyone who comes here to remember someone they love.