

Memorial Marker Standards

General Marker Requirements

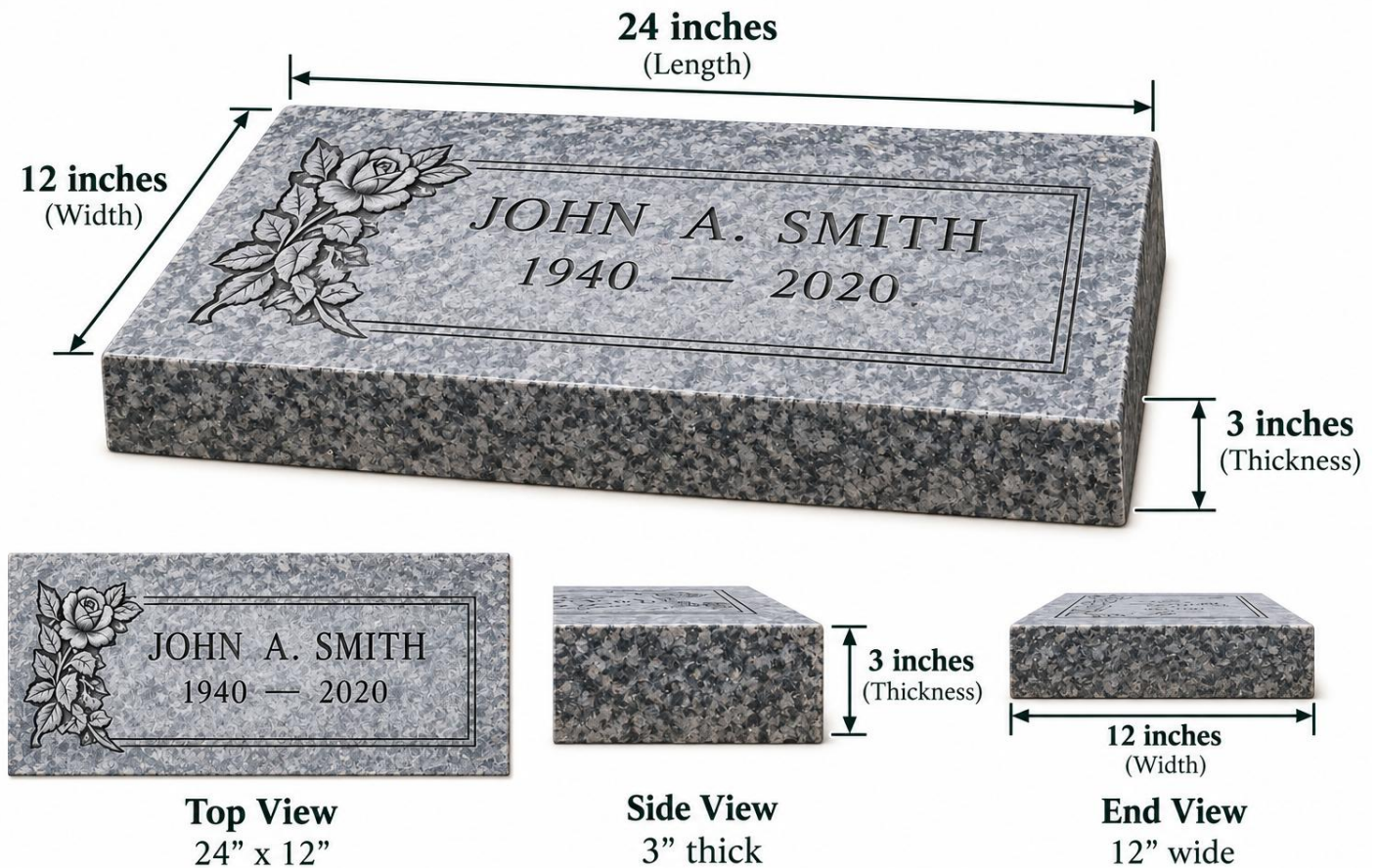
Memorial markers for in-ground burial spaces are generally required to be **flat markers** made of **granite or marble**.

The District's standard marker size for an in-ground burial space is:
24" long × 12" wide × 3" thick

Granite and marble markers must be **at least 3 inches thick**.

Flat markers are installed flush with the surrounding ground. The 3-inch measurement refers to the required thickness of the memorial, not the amount that remains above ground.

The standard size applies to all types of in-ground burial spaces which include; full single spaces, full double-depth spaces, ½ spaces single or double, and infant spaces.



Bronze Markers

Bronze markers are permitted but must be mounted on a **3-inch-thick concrete base** installed by the **District**. The complete marker and base may not exceed the dimensions permitted for the burial space.

Please see the current price list for the cost of the Concrete Setting.

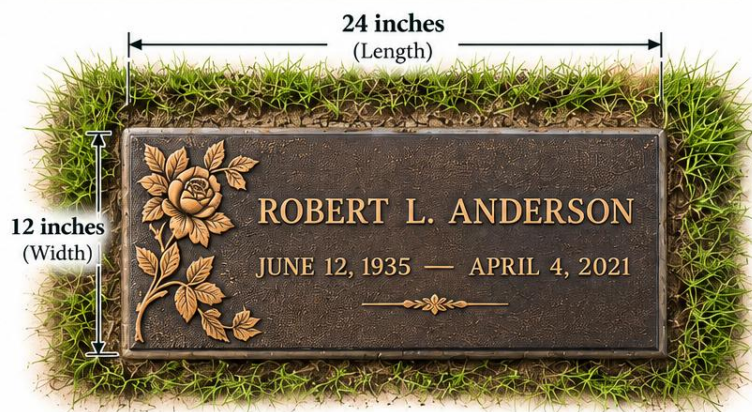
A standard **24" × 12" bronze marker** may be mounted on a matching **24" × 12" concrete base**. Families who prefer a visible concrete border may select a smaller bronze marker, such as **20" × 10"**, mounted on the standard **24" × 12" concrete base**.

Flat bronze markers are installed flush with the surrounding ground. The 3-inch measurement refers to the required thickness of the concrete, not the amount that remains above ground.

Standard Bronze Marker

24" × 12" Bronze on a 24" × 12" Concrete Base

No frame (border). The bronze marker and concrete base are the same size.



Top View

24" × 12" bronze marker on a 24" × 12" concrete base



Side View

24" × 12" bronze marker on a 24" × 12" × 3" concrete base

Smaller Bronze Marker with Frame

20" × 10" Bronze on a 24" × 12" Concrete Base

The bronze marker is smaller, allowing for a concrete border.



Top View

20" × 10" bronze marker on a 24" × 12" concrete base
(with concrete border)



Side View

20" × 10" bronze marker on a 24" × 12" × 3" concrete base
(with concrete border)

Double-Depth Burial Spaces

A double-depth burial space may have either two (2) of the standard 24" × 12" × 3" marker or one (1) larger: 26" × 12" × 3" marker.

Flat markers are installed flush with the surrounding ground. The 3-inch measurement refers to the required thickness of the memorial, not the amount that remains above ground.

THE LARGER SIZE REQUIRES DISTRICT APPROVAL BEFORE THE MEMORIAL IS MANUFACTURED.

Double-Depth Burial Space Marker Options

A double-depth burial space may have either two (2) of the standard 24" × 12" × 3" markers or one (1) larger 26" × 12" × 3" companion marker.

Option 1: Two Standard Markers

Two (2) 24" × 12" × 3" markers placed one above the other in the same double-depth space.



Side View (Standard Marker)
24" × 12" × 3"

Option 2: One Larger Companion Marker

One (1) 26" × 12" × 3" marker with two names. Requires District approval before the memorial is manufactured.



Side View (Larger Companion Marker)
26" × 12" × 3"

Upright or Standing Headstones

Upright or standing headstones may be permitted in **certain areas of the cemetery**, but approval is based on the specific location of the burial space.

Because upright memorials require additional clearance for burial access, equipment, and long-term cemetery operations, **not every burial space can safely accommodate a standing headstone**. The District must also consider surrounding burial spaces and existing pre-need burial rights when determining eligibility.

Families interested in an upright memorial are encouraged to ask. Cemetery staff will review the location and surrounding burial spaces to determine whether an upright headstone can be accommodated.

All upright or standing headstones require advance written approval from the District Manager before the memorial is ordered or manufactured.

Approval is determined **case by case** and cannot be guaranteed based solely on the cemetery section or the presence of other upright memorials nearby.

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Upright headstones may be permitted in certain areas of the cemetery and require advance approval from the District Manager.



Important Information

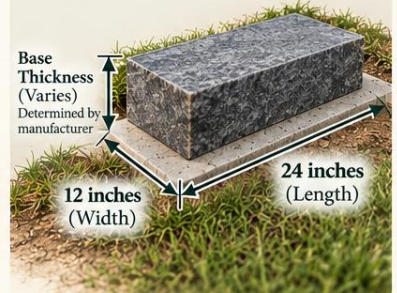
- Upright or standing headstones may be permitted in certain areas of the cemetery.
- Approval is based on the specific location of the burial space.
- The base must be at least 12" x 24", with additional thickness as recommended by the manufacturer to properly support the stone.
- The total height, including the base, must remain below 3 feet (36 inches).
- A \$195 installation charge applies for the concrete base placed in the ground by the District.
- All upright headstones require advance written approval from the District Manager before the memorial is ordered or manufactured.
- Approval is determined case by case and cannot be guaranteed based solely on the cemetery section or the presence of other upright memorials nearby.

Side View



Base Detail

The base must be at least 12" x 24" and have additional thickness as recommended by the manufacturer to properly support the stone.



Upright Headstone Example (3-Foot Limit)



Memorial Delivery & Installation

Once a memorial has been approved by the District, it may be delivered to:

Antelope Valley Cemetery District – Grounds Building

111 East Lancaster Blvd.

Lancaster, CA 93535

Approved memorials may be delivered **Monday through Friday, between 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.**

Families are welcome to **deliver an approved memorial themselves**, or delivery may be arranged through their monument company or other provider.

Installation Time

Most memorials are installed by District staff within approximately **3–5 business days after delivery**.

Memorials requiring a **District-installed concrete base or foundation** generally require approximately **two weeks** for preparation and installation.

These timeframes are estimates and may be affected by weather, burial services, grounds conditions, or other cemetery operations.

The District does not routinely notify families when a memorial is delivered or after installation is complete. **Families are always welcome to contact the Cemetery Office for an installation update.**

Ceremonial Memorial Installation

Families who would like to be present when their loved one's memorial is placed may request a **Ceremonial Memorial Installation**.

Rather than having the memorial installed during the District's regular installation schedule, the Cemetery Office will coordinate a **scheduled date and time** for the family to be present while the memorial is placed in its prepared location.

Ceremonial installations must be **arranged in advance with the Cemetery Office** and are subject to staff scheduling and cemetery operations.

Please call us if you have any questions 661-942-6110