



Metro cemeteries

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POLICIES AND VISITOR INFORMATION

Policies effective Jan. 4, 2013

Cemeteries: Brainard, Columbia Pioneer, Douglass, Escobar, Grand Army of the Republic, Gresham Pioneer, Jones, Lone Fir, Mt. View-Corbett, Mt. View-Stark, Multnomah Park, Pleasant Home, Powell Grove, White Birch

(ORS 97.710 and Metro Code Chapter 10.01 and 10.04). Metro reserves the right to change these rules and regulations at any time without prior notice to owners. Metro is not responsible for theft or damage of any personal property in any of the cemeteries.

Metro's cemeteries are valued as sacred places. They are available to the public for interment/inurnment, grave visitation, reflection and historical research. To properly care for these unique cultural spaces, Metro staff and those who visit have a responsibility to abide by rules and procedures. Please appreciate the unique and sensitive nature of a cemetery and conduct yourself with dignity and respect for those buried here and their families.

General visitation

Visitors are welcome to walk, slowly bicycle or drive around the grounds.

Hours

7 a.m. until sunset.

Photography and filming

Videography and photography are restricted to scenes of the landscape, nature and architectural designs. Commercial uses or images for publication require a special use permit application, available at www.oregonmetro.gov/specialuse.

Research

Use of the cemeteries for research is encouraged only during posted hours and is limited to genealogy, history, ecology and recreation. Research results can add to a cemetery's history and knowledge base.

Other uses

Special events and other uses are generally prohibited unless approved through the special use permit process (see above).

DO

- visit only during posted hours
- respect the solemnity of the graves and graveside services
- stay in touch with Metro's cemetery office and update your contact information
- contact Metro Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
call: 503-797-1709
email: cemetery@oregonmetro.gov
visit: www.oregonmetro.gov/cemeteries

DON'T

- ⊘ out of respect do not photograph graves of persons unknown to you that are less than 50 years old
- ⊘ use tobacco – all Metro properties are tobacco-free
- ⊘ bring or consume alcohol or illegal drugs
- ⊘ use metal detection devices of any kind
- ⊘ bring pets (except for certified assistance animals). Pets are not allowed in Metro cemeteries, even on a leash.
- ⊘ climb on trees, headstones, mausoleum crypts, niche walls or fences
- ⊘ burn incense or candles.

About Metro

Clean air and clean water do not stop at city limits or county lines. Neither does the need for jobs, a thriving economy, and sustainable transportation and living choices for people and businesses in the region. Voters have asked Metro to help with the challenges and opportunities that affect the 25 cities and three counties in the Portland metropolitan area.

A regional approach simply makes sense when it comes to providing services, operating venues and making decisions about how the region grows. Metro works with communities to support a resilient economy, keep nature close by and respond to a changing climate. Together, we're making a great place, now and for generations to come.

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Graves and memorials

These rules have been established to protect and preserve the general beauty of the cemeteries and the attractive appearance of the grounds and buildings. Metro strives to protect the integrity of these places while ensuring that adornments and remembrances respect the dignity and sacred environment of the property.

Interments/inurnments

Hours: 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday except legal holidays (other arrangements require an additional fee). Interments must be scheduled with 48 hours notice.

Prices, fees and charges for graves and services may vary among the cemeteries and are subject to change without notice. Consult www.oregonmetro.gov/cemeteries or call 503-797-1709.

The transfer of interment/inurnment rights must be approved and recorded by Metro and may incur administrative fees.

Grave and memorial dimensions

Outer burial containers are required.

Single grave: 9 ft. x 40 in. Up to one casket or six urns.

Grave markers and memorials: The foundation collar is limited to 18 in. x 30 in. for a single grave or 18 in. x 60 in. for a companion grave. All memorials require a concrete foundation or collar. See www.oregonmetro.gov/cemeteries for specific requirements.

Temporary placement of flowers

Funerals and visitation: All flowers and easels placed at any burial site must be removed within three weeks or when they become withered, faded or unsightly.

Memorial Day: All flowers placed on graves for Memorial Day must be removed within three weeks.

Artificial plants: Artificial flowers and plants are not permitted on graves between March 1 and Nov. 15, except for the three weeks of Memorial Day remembrance.

ALLOWED

- standard grave markers that conform to Metro Code (variations require prior approval and fee) See www.oregonmetro.gov/cemeteries for specific requirements
- temporary placement of flowers and mementos.

NOT ALLOWED

- ⊘ repairs, restorations or improvements without prior Metro approval
- ⊘ fences, walls, curbs or any other types of enclosures around a grave
- ⊘ mementos or any items of personal property placed on a grave
- ⊘ trees, shrubs or other permanent plants on graves or borders
- ⊘ picking or cutting any foliage or plant
- ⊘ removal of any monument or memorial
- ⊘ scattering of cremated remains.

For information about Metro's cemeteries
www.oregonmetro.gov/cemeteries

