



Elsinore Valley Cemetery District

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OPERATING AND VISITOR RULES AND REGULATIONS

We ask that all burial rights owners, guests, and visitors remember Elsinore Valley Cemetery is a cemetery, not a public park. For many of our visitors a visit to Elsinore Valley Cemetery is symbolic of their remembrance of their loved ones who have passed with love, memories, and affection. Everyone's behavior should be guided accordingly and respectful to all.

Elsinore Valley Cemetery District ("EVCD" or "District") is a Special District Public Cemetery governed by a Board of Trustees ("Board") that has statutory authority to exercise all rights and powers to own, operate, improve, and maintain the cemetery. The California Health & Safety Code along with other California statutes has empowered the Board to adopt said rules and regulations. These Rules and Regulations shall be reviewed annually by the Board; however, the Board can make amendments to these Rules and Regulations at any time without any notice.

The ownership, control, and maintenance of the Elsinore Valley Cemetery ("Cemetery") grounds is vested in the District's Board of Trustees. **Interment right(s) owner, guests/visitors are entitled only to those privileges within the cemetery grounds as provided by these Rules and Regulations.**

OPERATING RULES:

1. EVCD, its Board of Trustees, the District Manager and all other personnel of the District shall not be responsible for injury or damage suffered by any persons, including children, in their use of the cemetery grounds. Any person visiting the cemetery shall do so at their own risk. All parties are expected to follow the rules herein.
2. The Board of Trustees shall employ a District Manager and such other employees as it determines to be necessary or useful in the operation of the District.
3. The Board reserves the right to make improvements and/or changes to any portion of the cemetery grounds at any time, with or without notice.
4. The cemetery/employees shall not be responsible for any items whatsoever left on cemetery property, including but not limited to anything of a breakable or moveable nature that becomes broken or stolen including flowers or decorations.
5. The cemetery office is open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday by appointment only to ensure privacy, respect, and appropriate time is spent with each family.

INTERMENT RIGHT OWNERS, GUESTS AND VISITOR RULES:

6. Burial right(s) owners, guests, and visitors are reminded that Elsinore Valley Cemetery is a memorial cemetery. We request that you behave accordingly and be respectful of the grounds, other visitors, and cemetery staff at all times.
7. The EVCD gate is open 365 days a year, from 6:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., (automatically opens/closes) adjusted during daylight savings time. Remaining on the cemetery grounds after the gates have closed is considered trespassing and violators will be treated accordingly. (Penal Code Section 602).
8. If you get locked in the cemetery grounds after hours, call non-emergency Riverside County Sheriff (951) 776.1099 and they will escort you out. You will receive a trespassing citation if you are here afterhours. FORM 469, Letter of Agency Trespass filed with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.
9. The posted speed limit of 5 miles per hour within the grounds must be observed to ensure the safety of all visitors, staff and guests.
10. Bicycles, scooters, mopeds, rollerblades/skates, skateboards, hoverboards or other motorized machines are prohibited.
11. No alcohol, marijuana, vaping, smoking of any substance, or drugs may be carried or consumed on cemetery grounds. Violators will be removed from the grounds and may be subject to citation under Riverside County Ordinance 694.
12. Hanging of any item(s) whatsoever, including but not limited to decorations, clothing, wind chimes, crosses, angels, bird houses, balloons, rosaries, etc., from **ANY** tree within cemetery grounds is prohibited. All violations are documented. If a tree becomes sick or diseased from items being hung on it and needs to be removed, the tree(s) will not be replaced! The grass, trees, dirt, shrubs, water spickets, statues, and flower vases are all owned and maintained by the cemetery. Any desecration, vandalism or damage to cemetery property will not be tolerated.
13. board games, sports (basketball, football, soccer, frisbee) no playing tag or running on the premises.

14. No person shall burn any combustible material, including but not limited to coal, wood chips, propane, natural gas and/or firewood.
15. Possession and/or the use of fireworks of any kind is prohibited.
16. The use of cooking apparatus (including but not limited to barbecues, grills, camp stoves, and/or fire pits) is strictly prohibited on cemetery grounds. Flowers, fresh or silk, must be placed in the vases provided by EVCD. One-gallon potted plants are allowed. Items must only be placed at the head of the grave which is under the headstone area. Items may not be staked or secured to the ground. Unauthorized items and/or containers will be removed and discarded by District personnel. No metal hangers or holders, etc., are allowed.
17. Silk flowers that are deemed faded, discolored, or falling apart will be removed.
18. No more than (4) vases OR potted plants (or any combination thereof) are permitted at any one time per grave.
19. Seasonal arrangements/decorations (i.e., Christmas trees, Dia de Los Muertos, Easter Lilies, etc.) will be allowed for the week and/or month of the related holiday if weather permits and arrangement/decoration is still alive. No decorations may exceed 36 inches in height measured from the base to the top of the decoration.
20. One small Christmas tree per plot is allowed and shall be no more than 36 inches in height measured from the base to the top of the tree) the star, angel, topper, etc., can be an additional 10 inches.
21. Battery operated lights are allowed on Christmas tree(s) only and must be secured to the branches.
22. Only plastic ornaments are allowed and must be secured to the Christmas tree branches.
23. Christmas trees must be secured to the ground ONLY with plastic/wood, NO metal stakes of any kind are allowed.
24. Birthday decorations will remain for approximately one week. Balloons will remain for 3 days and are at the discretion of the EVCD personnel.
25. While every effort will be made to care for decorations, the cemetery cannot be responsible for lost, stolen, blown away, and/or damaged grave decorations. All items removed from grave sites will be disposed of after 30 days. Removed items can be retrieved from outside the gate of the cemetery maintenance department. (Southeast corner of the property. Items will be held for 2 weeks)
26. "Special Events" (i.e., weddings, unauthorized funeral services, celebrations with/without music) are prohibited without pre-approval from the District Office for (confirmation that other service/services have not been scheduled for the same day). Attendees at any unauthorized "special event" will be evicted from the grounds immediately and are subject to further law enforcement, as necessary. (Penal Code Section 602).
27. Speakers, generators, amplifiers, gas, or electrical, powered equipment of any type are prohibited on the grounds.
28. There is no music permitted on grounds without a Special Permit/approval from District Manager. Interments are a priority and Special Permits are issued for all music requests.
29. No food is allowed on cemetery grounds at any time as food/scraps and wrappers encourage the wild animals that reside here to visit cemetery trash receptacles.
30. Animal Control is constantly on the cemetery grounds and humanely removes and relocates wildlife.
31. No animals of any type, other than service animals (dogs ONLY) are allowed on cemetery grounds with permitted documentation of an ID and a service dog certificate. Service animals are to be leashed at all times.
32. Funeral floral arrangements and/or decorations from day of interment will remain at the resting area for approximately one week. All flowers – fresh, silk, or potted plants – will be removed and discarded for mowing. Mowing is typically done on Wednesdays. If the weather prohibits mowing on Wednesday, mowing will take place on the next day that weather permits. Families are responsible for clearing items they want to keep prior to mowing. Dead flowers and/or worn decorations and all other unauthorized items will be removed and discarded by the District personnel as needed.
33. Cemetery personnel are not responsible for lost/misplaced, stolen, or broken items.
34. No person shall place on any grave: statues, whirligigs, toys, boxes, globes, shells, cans, jugs, bottles, stuffed animals, balloons (except for birthday balloons per item # 21), bric-a-brac, lawn decorations, items on metal stakes, etc. Such items will be removed/disposed by District personnel without compensation to that person.
35. Fences, flammable wax candles, electric candles, solar lights, solar decorative crosses, angels, or any other design, glass objects (including jars, vases, bottles, bulbs, or containers), decorative marbles, rocks (with exception of the Jewish Cemetery), food or any other unauthorized items are prohibited.
36. No person shall disturb the peace of any other cemetery interment rights owner, rules, or visitor.
37. All children must be under the supervision and control of their adult chaperone. Adult chaperones will be held liable for any and all damage caused by uncontrolled children.
38. Playing of any games is prohibited. This includes (but, is not limited to) card games,
39. No person shall disturb or trespass on any gravesite to which that person(s) does not hold the *Interment Rights*. This includes the placing of chairs, stools, EZ-Ups, BBQ's, blankets, tables, etc., on resting area(s).
40. Coolers of any shape, size or capacity are not allowed on cemetery grounds *regardless of their content*.

41. Barbecues and picnics, and all associated items and activities with barbecues and picnics, are not allowed on cemetery grounds. Canopies, tents, awnings, pop-ups, or tables, unless provided and permitted by the District Manager/Office during interments are prohibited. Chairs being used on the cemetery grounds that are not supplied by the District during a service can only be placed on your loved one's grave while you are visiting. Hand-held umbrellas are allowed; large and/or beach-type umbrellas are prohibited.
42. No person other than District personnel or persons acting under the direction of the District Manager shall plant any tree, shrub, grass seed, ground covering or flowers on the cemetery grounds. Donations for trees are acceptable but trees will be selected and planted by the District Groundsmen under the direction of the District Manager.
43. If any tree, shrub, plant/vine situated on any plot becomes detrimental or unsightly due to roots, branches, height or infringement to adjacent plots, streets or the cemetery grounds, the District Manager or any other person authorized by the Board may enter upon such plot and remove or trim such trees, shrubs, plants/vines as deemed necessary.
44. If any marker, headstone, monument, bench, or any other object endangers the staff and/or Groundsmen, it will be removed by District personnel without notice. This will include but is not limited to broken, cracked, or damaged items. This includes items that are in the way of sprinkler lines, or lawn mowers and district equipment.
45. Defacing and/or breaking of any monument, statue, building, structure, floods, or other property belonging to the cemetery or any other burial rights owner is prohibited.
46. Anyone disturbing the solitude or orderliness of the cemetery or engaging in other improper conduct violating the rules and regulations of the cemetery shall be asked to leave the cemetery. (Penal Code Section 602).
47. Cemetery personnel shall not be offered nor accept any gratuity or reward of any kind for work done or personal assistance given to any burial rights owner or visitor to the cemetery.
48. Groundsmen and staff are not permitted to clean headstones as the District policy states that the family is responsible for the upkeep and cleanliness of their loved one's stone. Groundsmen do NOT represent the district when they are off the clock and not supposed to be working per California State Law and Worker's Compensation policy restrictions/guidelines.

These rules and regulations were approved by the Board of Trustees of the Elsinore Valley Cemetery District and are subject to change without notice.

Any questions regarding any of the above will be answered at the cemetery office or by phone at (951) 674-2418, Monday Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., district.manager@evcd.org in case of emergency.

A copy of the Rules and Regulations are posted on the following website: elsinorevalleycemetery.com

We thank you for your cooperation in observing these policies; it allows us to continue to maintain our grounds in a professional, uniformed, and respectful manner for all loved ones, guests, and families.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of and will abide by the Rules and Regulations. Furthermore, I understand that all rules and regulations apply whether the business office is open or closed.

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