



## **Elsinore Valley Cemetery District**

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### **OPERATING AND VISITOR RULES AND REGULATIONS**

We ask that all owners, guests, and visitors remember that first and foremost 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 remembering loved ones with love and affection. Everyone's behavior should be guided accordingly.

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 and Safety Code along with other California statues 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 control and maintenance of the Elsinore Valley Cemetery ("Cemetery") grounds is vested in the District's Board of Trustees. **Interment right owner, guests and 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.
2. The Board of Trustees shall employ a District Manager and such other employees as it may determine 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 or its 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 decoration.

#### **INTERMENT RIGHT OWNERS, GUESTS AND VISITOR RULES:**

5. Owners, guests, and visitors are reminded that Elsinore Valley Cemetery is not a park, it is a cemetery. Please be respectful of the grounds, others at all times and behave accordingly.
6. The EVCD gate is open 365 days a year, 7 days per week from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 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).
7. The posted speed limit of 5 miles per hour within the grounds must be observed to ensure the safety of visitors and workers.
8. Bicycles, scooters, rollerblades/skates, skateboards, or hoverboards are prohibited.
9. Absolutely no alcohol, marijuana, vaping or drugs may be carried or consumed on cemetery grounds. Violators may be subject to citation under riverside County Ordinance 694.

10. Smoking of any substance is strictly prohibited on cemetery grounds.
11. Hanging of any item(s) whatsoever, including but not limited to decorations, clothing, wind chimes, bird houses, etc., from any tree within cemetery grounds is prohibited.
12. 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. 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.
13. No more than 3 vases OR potted plants (or any combination thereof) are allowed at any one time per grave.
14. 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.
15. Funeral floral arrangements and/or decorations will remain for approximately one week. Removals are done on Wednesday due to mowing schedule.
16. Birthday decorations will remain for approximately one week. Balloons will only remain for one day and are at the discretion of the EVCD personnel.
17. There is no food allowed on cemetery grounds at any time. There are wild animals and there is no food permitted as it encourages the animals to visit the trash receptacles.
18. Animal Control is constantly on the cemetery grounds and humanely removes wildlife.
19. All flowers – fresh, silk or potted plants – will be removed and discarded for mowing. Mowing is typically done on Wednesdays. If 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. Cemetery personnel is not responsible for lost/misplaced items.
20. No person shall place on any grave any statues, whirligigs, balloons (with the exception of birthday balloons per item # 15), stuffed animals, toys, boxes, globes, shells, cans, jugs, bottles, bric-a-brac, awn decorations, items on metal or wooden stakes, etc. Such items will be removed for disposal by District personnel without compensation to that person.
21. Fences, flammable wax candles, electric candles, solar lights, solar decorative crosses, angels, or any other design, glass objects (including jars, vases, bottles, or containers), decorative marbles, rocks (exception of the Jewish Cemetery), food or any other unauthorized items are prohibited.
22. Dead flowers and/or worn decorations and all other unauthorized items will be removed and discarded by the District personnel as needed.
23. No person shall disturb or trespass on any gravesite to which that person(s) does not hold the Interment Rights. This includes placing of chairs, stools, blankets, etc.
24. No person shall disturb the peace of any other cemetery owner, rules, or visitor.
25. There is no music permitted on grounds without a Special Permit/approval from District Manager.
26. All children must be under the supervision and control of their adult companion. Adult companions will be held liable for any and all damage caused by uncontrolled children.
27. Games of any type are prohibited. This includes (but, is not limited to) card games, board games, sports (basketball, football, soccer, frisbee) no playing tag or running on the premises.
28. No animals, other than service animals are allowed on cemetery grounds with permitted documentation of an ID and a service dog certificate. Service animals must remain on leash at all time.
29. No person shall burn any combustible material, including but not limited to: coal, wood chips, propane, natural gas and/or firewood.
30. Possession and/or the use of fireworks of any kind are prohibited.
31. The use of cooking apparatus (including but not limited to: barbecues, camp stoves, and/or fire pits) is strictly prohibited.
32. Coolers of any shape, size or capacity are not allowed on cemetery grounds regardless of content.
33. Barbecues and picnics, and all items and activities associated with barbecues and picnics, are not allowed on cemetery grounds. Canopies, tents, awnings, pop-up's or tables, unless provided and permitted by the District Manager/Office 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.

34. "Special Events" (i.e., weddings, unauthorized funeral services, celebrations with/without music) are prohibited without pre-approval from the District Office. Attendees at any unauthorized "special event" will be evicted from the grounds immediately and are subject to further law enforcement, as necessary.
35. 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.
36. If any tree, shrub, plant, or 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, or vines as deemed necessary.
37. If any marker, headstone, monument, or any other object endangers the staff and/or groundsmen, it will be removed by District personnel without notice.
38. One small Christmas tree per plot, no more than (36 inches measured from the base to the top of the tree) the star, angel, topper, etc., can be an additional 10 inches.
39. Battery operated lights allowed on tree only and must be secured to the branches.
40. Only plastic ornaments allowed and must be secured to the branches.
41. Trees must be secured to ground ONLY with plastic or wood, NO metal stakes of any kind are allowed.
42. Defacing and/or breaking in any way any monument, statue, building, structure, or other property belonging to the cemetery or any other lot owner is prohibited.
43. Anyone disturbing the solitude or orderliness of the cemetery or engages in other improper conduct violating the rules and regulations of the cemetery shall be asked to leave the cemetery.
44. Cemetery personnel shall not accept any gratuity or reward of any kind for work done or personal assistance given to any lot owner or visitor to the cemetery.

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 3:00 p.m., [district.manager@evcd.org](mailto:district.manager@evcd.org) in case of emergency.

Rules are posted on the following website: [elsinorevalleycemetery.com](http://elsinorevalleycemetery.com)

While every effort will be made to care for decorations, the cemetery cannot be responsible for any grave decorations which are lost, stolen, and/or damaged. 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. (rear of the property)

We thank you for your cooperation in observing these policies; it allows us to continue to maintain our grounds in a uniform and respectful manner.

I hereby acknowledge that I have received a copy of the Rules and Regulations.

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