

Pleasant Valley Cemetery FAQ

When can I place artificial flowers at a gravesite?

Artificial floral arrangements may be placed on plots between **October 16 and March 14**, each year. This also includes the placement of potted plants, wreaths and seasonal floral tributes.

Between March 15 and October 15, only fresh-cut florals may be placed on plots.

The City of Vernon recognizes that many artificial and non-floral items have already been placed at the Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Therefore, a grace period has been implemented until March 14, 2023, to provide families time to visit the cemetery and collect artificial floral or non-floral items they wish to keep.

Why can I no longer place artificial flowers at a gravesite in the summer or place non-floral items (trinkets)?

The City of Vernon is aligning its operational practices with many other cemeteries across BC and Canada regarding the artificial flowers at gravesite. Regulations regarding the placement and removal of offerings were designed to help maintain a peaceful and orderly atmosphere for all who visit the cemetery, and to ensure the safety of all who visit and maintain the grounds.

The new [Cemetery Management Bylaw #5767](#) was adopted in 2019, which includes the new regulations for tributes and offerings. Over the last few years, many people chose not to travel due to COVID-related concerns or restrictions. Therefore, the City of Vernon wanted to allow enough time for loved ones to visit the site and collect any items that are no longer permitted.

In 2022, the City signed a new contract with the cemetery contractor and included the bylaw adjustments within the scope of work. Items that are no longer permitted on plots will be respectfully removed at the end of the grace period (March 14, 2023).

If the flower loop is already installed (attached to the marker), can I purchase just a City vase? Is there an installation fee if I'm only purchasing the vase?

Yes, you can purchase just the City vase if you already have a loop. There is no installation fee for this option.

What if the vase does not fit the previous loop?

If the vase does not fit in the previous loop, a loop will also need to be purchased and installed. There is a fee for installing a new loop.

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How can I find out if a new vase will fit in my previous loop?

The groundskeepers will have a vase on hand if you would like to confirm whether it will fit a previously installed loop.

Do I need to book the cemetery for a visit?

Members of the public are invited to visit the cemetery any time the entrance gate is open. The cemetery gate is open and closed every day with the following schedule:

- March 15 and October 15: 8:00 am to 8:00 pm
- October 16 to March 14: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

How do I find a specific gravesite?

Members of the public may search a map of the cemetery using this [online resource](#).

In the top right corner, you will find a search feature where you can type in the name of the individual.

What end of life services does the City offer?

The City of Vernon operates and maintains records for the Pleasant Valley Cemetery.

- Plot (land), interment (ground work and site prep – open/close), installation and permitting of monuments.
- The City does not offer funeral services and does not manufacture monuments.

You may wish to work with a monument or engraving company, or a funeral home, for additional end of life services.

Can I choose a plot?

Plot purchases are assigned next available site in the current area of the plot type being purchased. Special requests to be near family members previously interred may be accommodated, if space allows.

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Currently available for purchase:

- Block 1042 – Family Cremation (up to 4 cremations)
- Block 1037 – Full Burial (up to 2 full or 4 cremation max, or a combination of 1 full & 3 cremation)
- Block 1056 – Single Cremations
- Veteran / Infant – please inquire.

How much does it cost?

Details about cemetery fees are available in the City of Vernon [Fees and Charges Bylaw #3909](#), or by visiting this [link](#).

Please note: there are additional fees for service after hours, or during weekends and holidays. The additional fees can also be found at the above noted link.

Can I pre-purchase a plot?

One can pre-purchase a plot; however, you cannot pre-pay for the interment or related fees, such as the monument, etc.

What size monument can I have?

Once a plot has been purchased, the Cemetery Office will be able to assist in providing the different marker types and sizes that are allowed on the various plots. A marker installation permit will need to be purchased prior to the installation of the marker.