

St. Patrick Church
Sheffield, IL 61361
Cemetery Guidelines
(Effective July 1, 2016)

1. All flowers must be potted above ground (no glass). Hanging flowers (shepherds hooks, other wire framed flowers/decorations) are only allowed if placed immediately against a monument headstone pad. No hanging flowers/decorations are allowed between plots, such as in the middle or on the foot side of a plot.
2. Between March 17th - October 17th, potted plants must sit and fit on a monument headstone pad (not on corner markers) or they will be removed. No planting in the ground of any kind, i.e. bushes, trees, flowers, plants, etc. They will be removed. If any flowers look unpresentable, they can be removed at any time.
3. Bushes around or overgrowing lots are the responsibility of the plot purchaser – there is no landscaping. Old and overgrown shrubs will eventually be removed.
4. A spring cleanup occurs in the last two weeks of March. Please remove any decorations before March 17th. After that date, they will be removed.
5. Around Memorial Day and July 4th, small flags are allowed, but must be set in the ground immediately against a monument headstone pad. No metal poles or wires.
6. Plot owners are responsible for any weeding on their plots. This is not done by the mowing service.
7. A fall cleanup occurs in the later two weeks of October. Please remove any decorations by October 17th. After that date, they will be removed.
8. During the winter, grave blankets or other decorations are allowed but will be removed soon after Christmas. Snow will be plowed only prior to a committal after a funeral service at the church.
9. One of the two cemetery trustees must be informed before any stones, or permanent memorials or markers are placed. The upkeep of stones are the responsibility of the plot owner. A trustee must also be contacted before any internments or burials.
10. The cemetery closes at dusk and opens at dawn. Trespassers will be prosecuted.
11. These guidelines are entitled to change at the discretion of the pastor, with the counsel of the two cemetery trustees.