

ADORNMENTS ON OR ABOUT “ON-SITE MEMORIALS”
Policy No. 8-043

PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines for the adornment of Angela Hospice on-site memorials by visitors to the site.

POLICY:

Any ornaments placed on the grounds which are not sanctioned commemorative objects per Angela Hospice “Memorials and Commemorative Giving” literature shall not be considered permanent and will be subject to removal after a brief time of display.

PROCEDURE:

Occasionally, visitors to Angela Hospice’s property adorn trees, memorial bricks and other memorial spaces with ornaments, garland or objects which are not provided by Angela Hospice. These may be seasonal ornaments (placed during holidays) or other adornments which are placed informally or during impromptu commemorative family ceremonies.

Because the grounds of Angela Hospice are open to the community at large and are used for meditative or reverential purposes, and because the Angela Hospice grounds staff are charged with maintaining and grooming the entire grounds for the benefit of all visitors year round, it is important to establish standards for aesthetics within the boundaries of Angela Hospice property.

The nature of adornments:

We ask all visitors to maintain reverent and respectful decorum while visiting memorials on or about the property. Any additional objects brought onto the grounds for placement near a memorial space should bear the same principle of decorum.

Statuary:

Angela Hospice is solely responsible for erecting statuary on the grounds. Families are discouraged from bringing statuary objects for placement near memorial sites. If placed, they will be removed on a regular maintenance schedule. This is necessary due to grounds, tree, and foliage maintenance.

Holiday decorations:

If holiday decorations are placed on the site, they will be scheduled for removal one month following the holiday. Angela Hospice staff cannot guarantee that unsanctioned

decorations will be free from damage or loss while on the site and cannot accept responsibility for such. Once decorations are removed, we are unable to keep these objects for return to their owners.

A Special Note About Arbor Day:

On Arbor Day of each year (the last Friday in April), Angela Hospice typically sponsors a dedication ceremony for sanctioned memorials which have been placed on our grounds during the 12 months prior. From March 20th through Arbor Day, the entire grounds are groomed in anticipation of this event, including removal of all unsanctioned objects. If decorative objects are still in place prior to March 20th, families and friends are encouraged to remove their own adornments before this Spring cleaning, especially if they wish to keep the decorations for future use.