

EPIPHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH

MEMORIAL GARDEN

GUIDELINES & REGULATIONS

1. All of God's children are eligible to have their cremains buried or scattered in Epiphany Lutheran Church's Memorial Garden.
2. Process:
 - The burial or scattering of the cremains will take place during a Christian ceremony in the garden.
 - Buried cremains will be placed in a hole that will be prepared for the service.
 - Scattered cremains will be placed in a designated garden area, and will be blended into the ground covering and mulch bed of that area.
3. Cremains:
 - Cremains are buried or scattered in the Memorial Garden in such location as is designated by the Memorial Garden Ministry.
 - None of the cremains will be recoverable or preserved intact. Only the cremains from the cremation (cremains) are buried or scattered; burial containers will not be allowed.
 - The actual physical location of an individual's cremains will not be marked in the garden.
 - A record of where the buried cremains are placed will be kept in the church office.
4. Application and Cost:
 - A Memorial Garden application must be completed and signed and fees paid before cremains are buried or scattered.
 - Applications can be made at any time – either as part of a funeral pre-planning process, or after the person is deceased.
 - A fee, currently \$350.00 per person, pursuant to these guidelines is requested from the applicant.
 - All fees should be paid with the application.
 - All monies collected for fees will be used for the purpose of maintenance and care of the Memorial Garden, Memorial Register, and the engraving and installation of a memorial plaque.
 - This fee does not include the cost of cremation, or other payments normally made to the minister, musicians and the like.
5. Epiphany Lutheran Church will enter the names of persons whose cremains are buried or scattered in the Memorial Garden in a Memorial Register maintained by the church.
6. Burial or scattering of animal cremains will NOT be permitted.

7. Burial or scattering of cremains, or any memorial service to be held in the Memorial Garden, shall NOT be conducted without the prior approval of a pastor or an elected member of the Epiphany Lutheran Congregation Council.
8. Burial or scattering of cremains is to only occur in the context of a Christian ceremony.
9. Out of respect for all persons, absolutely no flowers, plants, or decorations shall be placed in or about the Memorial Garden and surrounding area.
10. Individuals shall not acquire any right whatsoever with respect to the use or appearance of the Memorial Garden. Those wishing to memorialize family members are encouraged to do so by donating to the church or making a donation to the Memorial Garden.
11. The use and maintenance of the Memorial Garden and all terms, conditions, rules and regulation are under control of the Memorial Garden Ministry and Epiphany Lutheran Church Congregation Council.
12. The church reserves the right from time to time to make, amend and repeal such terms, conditions, rules and regulations as it deems fit.
13. Though Epiphany Lutheran Church cannot guarantee the perpetuity of the Memorial Garden and under Ohio law has no legal obligation to do so, the church assumes the moral responsibility to maintain the Garden for the purpose intended, as long as it remains reasonably practical to do so.
14. Epiphany Lutheran Church assumes no liability with regard to the acceptance and placement of any cremains within the Memorial Garden.