Care & decor

❖ All plant materials must be approved by Cemetery Manager before being planted in the cemetery. The regulation also applies to any changes or replacement of existing plantings. Cemetery personnel will trim and remove existing plantings as necessary to maintain uniformity. Flowerbeds must conform in size and may not interfere with neighboring property and/or maintenance practices and equipment such as mowers.

❖ One potted plant, urn or vase will be permitted at each interment. Glass or porcelain containers are not permitted at any burial site at any time.

❖ No planting of any kind will be permitted in “Babyland,” “Memorial Park” (Veterans’ Section), Columbarium Section or Cremation Section, with the exception of trees planted by the City of Winter Park.

❖ Flowers placed at the time of an interment will be left a minimum of three days and discarded when they decline. It is suggested that potted plants from funerals should not be left in the cemetery as they will be discarded.

❖ The cemetery personnel will have the authority to remove any plant material that has grown to a dimension which interferes with irrigation or maintenance and/or surrounding areas.

❖ The cemetery reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths and other decorations from spaces/niches as soon as they become unsightly or are in decline.

❖ The cemetery reserves the right to remove all objects that violate the cemetery regulations and/or warrant removal due to decline in appearance or condition.

❖ No trees, shrubs or flowers shall be planted, pruned or removed from the cemetery without the express consent of the Cemetery Manager. The manager may plant, prune, remove or transplant any tree, shrub or flower in the cemetery, at any burial spaces, or within the property to prevent the impairment of or interference with other burial spaces or lots; or to promote, preserve or improve the appearance and dignity of the cemetery.
Welcome to Palm Cemetery

We are honored that you have chosen Palm Cemetery, located in the heart of downtown, for you and your family.

To confirm your space ownership, a deed will be provided. Please keep this deed in a safe location as it is your legal documentation. Along with the deed, the City of Winter Park will provide perpetual care which includes the maintenance of the grounds but not individual monuments.

If necessary, the designated owner may sell spaces back to the city for the price paid. Transfer of ownership may only take place via a legal will.

Our history

As early as 1883, Palm Cemetery was on land privately owned by Loring A. Chase. Then known as Chase Cemetery, the land accepted burials as early as 1898 which is the earliest recorded burial on the property.

In April 1906, the 17-acre property was officially deeded to the City of Winter Park by Mr. Chase, who was buried in Palm Cemetery on August 24 the same year.

You can find his monument, a marble obelisk over five feet tall, in the southeast corner of the cemetery. The inscription memorializes his historical importance to the city as “One of the founders of Winter Park in 1886.”

Our website

On our website, you will find an online memorial page with multiple personalization options that allows you to memorialize your family’s legacy for generations to come.

The memorial page features:

- a genealogy section, helping link families together
- a specialized section for Veterans to add details about their military career helping to honor those who have served our country
- an online burial and ownership search of all the properties in the cemetery

Be sure to visit the cemeteries web page at cityofwinterpark.org/cemeteries to find or add your family members to the site.

Our mobile app

Are you a smartphone user and interested in the history of Winter Park? Then you will want to download the WPC Explorer app.

Once installed, the app allows you to locate a grave space right from your phone, using GPS to navigate you through the cemetery. “Guided” tours are also available through our cemeteries app. Take a walking tour of all of Winter Park’s notable residents just by clicking a button!

When a loved one passes away

- Begin by contacting your chosen funeral home ~ your funeral director will help coordinate the arrangements according to your wishes.
- Your funeral director or a family member should then contact the cemetery manager to arrange the date and time of the interment at the cemetery. Please allow a 48-hour notice prior to the service.
- Inform the funeral home of your established grave space ownership at Palm Cemetery. Your funeral director will contact cemetery management and coordinate the interment.
- Burials, entombments in a mausoleum, or inurnments in a niche may take place during the following hours:
  Monday thru Saturday > 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- You may make your own arrangements for the installation of a monument, but the monument must meet the approval of the cemetery manager prior to installation.

Our goal is to honor those in our care, and maintain the beauty of the cemetery for you, your family, and generations to follow.