

# Cemetery Guidelines

Whenua Tapu Cemetery



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# What happens after a burial?

*Whenua Tapu is a lawn cemetery, with all graves maintained as lawns by our cemetery team.*

*Whenua Tapu can be very windy and exposed, so please take some time to read these guidelines.*



## Guidelines for keeping graves maintained

New graves are grass seeded during spring and autumn every year to encourage healthy grass growth.

After a burial has occurred there are a few things to note to help our team maintain and keep the cemetery looking good. We encourage all families to consider the impact on the environment when decorating their family grave.

- The soil pile on the grave will sink and settle over time, particularly with heavy rain. When this happens, we will tidy up the grave at the first opportunity.
- If a family chooses to decorate the soil pile after a burial, these decorations can stay in place for up to 10 days. After this time, staff may remove them and place them on the concrete head beam for collection.
- Decorations on the head beam must be secure and stay within the edges of the plot – we require at least 10cm clearance from the concrete edges, to trim the grass edges effectively.
- All decorations must be no higher than 70cm from the ground.
- When making headstone arrangements, all headstones installed must comply with our Cemeteries Management Plan. Please book all unveilings with us (no fee).
- Please remove all planters and temporary decorations after the headstone is installed. Otherwise our team will store them for up to three months, ready for collection.

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