

Memorial Garden Guidelines

St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church

Keller, Texas

St. Martin-in-the-Fields' Memorial Garden was created for the use of the family and friends of St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church. It is intended to be a place of comfort, peace and inspiration for the living and a place of reverence for our dearly departed. The plants and decorations have been thoughtfully and lovingly placed to try to achieve these intentions. For that reason, these guidelines have been created to try to ensure the garden continues to be a place of serenity and respect.

1. The plantings in the garden have been chosen to thrive in the sun and soil conditions for this location. While donations of plants are gratefully accepted, all plants must be approved by the Memorial Garden Committee to ensure suitability for the sun and soil conditions. In addition, all plants have specific space requirements; therefore, the planting of anything new in the memorial garden must be handled by someone from the committee after approval.

2. For maintenance reasons, only perennial plants are used in the memorial garden.

3. All mulches used in the memorial garden have been chosen for ease of maintenance and with the idea of being earth-friendly to keep the soil healthy. Only natural materials may be used. No other colored mulches, stone or man-made materials can be placed in the garden from this point forward.

4. In order to retain the serenity and beauty of St. Martin-in-the-Fields' memorial garden, it is necessary to limit the amount and size of statues or decorations that can be added to the garden. All additions must be approved by the Memorial Garden Committee.

5. Nameplates, markers, etc. must be ordered through the church office in order to preserve continuity.

6. When placing decorations for holidays or other special occasions, please be aware of the size and appearance of the decoration. Live flowers and wreaths will die and need to be removed in a short time. Even decorations that are not alive are subject to the effects of weather. Maintenance of the garden relies on volunteers, so everyone is asked to remove their decorations in a timely manner.

7. The Memorial Garden Committee has the day-to-day responsibility of reviewing and evaluating all requests. However, any questions or concerns can be referred to the rector for a final decision.