

# How your grave should look after burial

These regulations have been put in place across the whole cemetery to make the best availability of space, to ensure safe accessibility to sections and to create a more visually attractive cemetery.

## 1. Temporary Surrounds:

Temporary surrounds (until permanent memorials are installed) are permitted in areas not designated as 'Lawn Only'. Families are responsible for maintaining these surrounds.

## 2. Specifications of Temporary Surrounds:

Surrounds must not exceed 7 feet in length and 3 feet in width (2,100mm x 900mm). Any material is acceptable, but concrete is prohibited to facilitate easy removal if needed for maintenance.



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### 3. Maintenance:

Families must ensure robustness of materials to withstand strimming. The council is not liable for any damage caused during maintenance. Temporary surrounds are placed at the family's own risk.



### 4. Settlement:

Graves settle for about a year. If a temporary surround is present, topping up the grave will require its removal.

### 5. Planting and Decor:

Only seasonal bulbs and flowers are allowed within the surround. No shrubs, trees, or bushes should be planted. Chippings or stones must remain within the confines of the surround.

### 6. Clear Spaces:

Outside the surround, all areas should remain clear. No additional slabs, astroturf, planting, or items are permitted. This ensures free movement for visitors and allows for ground maintenance.

### 7. Compliance:

Any surrounds exceeding regulated size or additional items will be removed. Please adhere to these guidelines for the upkeep and harmony of our cemetery space.

For inquiries or advice, please reach out to the team at Watford Cemeteries through their website at [watfordcemeteries.co.uk](http://watfordcemeteries.co.uk), via email at [cemeteries@watford.gov.uk](mailto:cemeteries@watford.gov.uk), or by calling **01923 672157**. The team is available on-site at North Watford Cemetery. For seasonal open times, kindly refer to the website.



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