

FOREST LAWN WEDDING POLICY

1. Forest Lawn will consider approving use of its Chapel or Gazebo for a wedding in accordance with the following rules. All requests for weddings at Forest Lawn must be submitted a minimum of 30 days prior to the wedding date. Only traditional weddings will be considered – no costumed or theme weddings will be permitted.
2. Burials take place at Forest Lawn on a regular basis, and have priority over any other events in the cemetery. The most common times for burials are Monday through Friday until 3:30 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday until 4:00 p.m.
3. All weddings must be scheduled so that the ceremony is complete and all guests have departed the cemetery no later than Forest Lawn's posted gate closing times (7:00 p.m. April 1 through October 31; 5:00 p.m. November 1 through March 31) or later by special arrangement. Wedding parties and guests must enter and exit using the Delaware Avenue gate.
4. Wedding ceremonies may only take place in the Forest Lawn Chapel, or outside in the Gazebo on the Meadow adjacent to the Chapel. The Chapel has seating for approximately 100 people. The Gazebo has limited space for wedding participants, with standing room around the Gazebo.
5. Forest Lawn does not provide seating (other than the pews in the Chapel), tables or any other equipment necessary for the wedding. Additional seating, tents, additional staging, and sound equipment may be arranged for an extra charge through Forest Lawn-approved vendors.
6. **The fee for use of the Chapel for events unrelated to a funeral or a memorial service is \$1,600, payable in advance of the date reserved.** This fee allows use of either the Chapel, or the Gazebo (in-season) or both. A rehearsal between the hours of 2:00 and 5:00 p.m. on the afternoon prior to the event is included with the fee. Once a reservation has been confirmed and the fee paid, no other weddings or services will be scheduled in the Chapel or Gazebo for that date. In the event of inclement weather, a wedding ceremony planned to take place outside at the Gazebo may take place inside the Chapel.
7. All wedding decorations are subject to advance approval by Forest Lawn, and must be submitted with complete descriptions or photos at least 10 days in advance of the wedding date.
8. Alcoholic beverages are not permitted. Amplified music or sound is not permitted outside of the Chapel. Wedding parties cannot block roadways or restrict other visitors from any area within the cemetery. No trash or debris may be deposited anywhere on cemetery grounds. Any trash inadvertently generated must be removed by the wedding party prior to departure. Parking on the grass is prohibited.
9. The reception room within the Chapel may be used as a bridal holding area or coat room, but may not be used for a reception without payment of an additional fee, and must be approved in advance by Forest Lawn. All food service must be provided through a Forest Lawn-approved caterer. Access to the adjoining Chapel Columbarium is not permitted in connection with the wedding.
10. Wedding photography at locations within Forest Lawn other than the Chapel and Gazebo will require the submission of a separate Wedding Photography Agreement.
11. Please respect the monuments and memorials placed in the cemetery. Sitting upon, leaning on, or using a memorial or monument as a "prop" for photography is strictly prohibited. The wedding party is welcome to visit the burial site of a deceased family member and be photographed in memory of that family member.

FOREST LAWN WEDDING AGREEMENT & RESERVATION FORM

Please provide the information below, secure the signatures of both persons in the wedding couple, and return this complete document to the Forest Lawn office at: Forest Lawn, 1411 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14209, Attention: Lisa Francescone

Wedding Photography Information and Affirmation (PLEASE PRINT)

Wedding Couple Person 1: _____

Wedding Couple Person 2: _____

Primary Contact Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Primary Contact Address: _____

Wedding Date and Time: _____

Rehearsal Date and Time: _____

Preferred Location [check one]: Chapel ____ Gazebo/Meadow ____

Affirmation: We the undersigned agree to abide by the foregoing requirements, and the Rules & Regulations of Forest Lawn, and we understand and agree that we are fully responsible for any violation or damage that may occur as a result of our wedding party's visit to Forest Lawn.

Wedding Couple Person 1:

_____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Wedding Couple Person 2:

_____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

NOTE: The Chapel is not considered reserved until payment is received and confirmed by Forest Lawn.

Office Use Only

Date Paid _____
Amount Paid _____ CR # _____
Reservation Noted _____
Entered in Log Book _____ by _____