

New York Marble Cemetery 2023 Rental Policy

We give you the keys to the garden and you do the rest!

Overview:

The New York Marble Cemetery (NYMC) is privately owned and managed by its Trustees. As a New York City Landmark and not-for-profit 501 (c) 13 corporation, we are empowered to rent our half-acre walled garden for small private events.

The most frequent events we host are **weddings, fashion shows, corporate picnics, product launches** and **TV / movie / magazine photo shoots**.

Past events have included fund-raisers, family reunions, birthday picnics, graduations, Shakespeare plays, poetry readings, art shows, and farmers markets.

All events must be **respectful** and **appropriate** for a **fragile** and sacred **historic** site. We never rent the garden for Halloween or similar dark-themed events.

Our primary concerns are unauthorized access (leaving the gate open); protecting the vaults and lawn from damage; disturbing the neighbors; and garbage left behind.

Fees:

No hourly rentals: Only one client per day, at full price. No Discounts.

All Media: Photo / Advertising Shoots, TV & Movie Filming cost **\$3,500 daytime** (roughly 9am – 6pm), or **\$5,000 for full day extending after sunset / overnight**.

Small daytime parties cost **\$3,500 (guest limit 60 people** including staff), e.g., simple weddings and family picnics.

Large daytime parties cost **\$5,000 (guest limit 150 people** including staff) e.g., fashion shows, corporate product launches, company picnics, large weddings and fund-raisers.

Night parties (up to 11pm) cost **\$10,000 (guest limit 150 people** including staff.)

Additional “**side days**” cost **\$1,000 each**, e.g., for wedding rehearsals.

Payment:

Made by mailing us a bank check; or via the Pay Pal link (with 3% surcharge) on our website; or via wire transfer (with \$25 surcharge) to our account at TD bank.

Key Deposit / Liability Insurance:

A conditionally refundable **key / clean-up deposit of \$2,000** is required of all rentals at least two weeks prior to the event. Assuming all conditions are met it, will be refunded.

A **Private Event Liability Insurance** binder is required in the amount of **\$2,000,000** (Two Million per occurrence); at least two weeks prior to the event. This is available on the internet for approximately \$285, or renter can supply through their own broker.

Guidelines:

NYMC does not provide (or recommend) any individual catering services or party planners. There are **no bathrooms, electricity or garbage services**. NYMC has water available from garden hoses.

Potties and battery powered generators may be brought in. Potties must be located in the alley not in the garden, but may be camouflaged with available potted plants.

The Renter is given the key / or access code to the gate and must make his own arrangements with vendors, including **unlocking the gate to meet / supervise deliveries in person**, without help from our staff.

Site rental includes use of the 250' x 80' half-acre garden site and 100' x 10' alley; (the center lawn is roughly 30' x 150') plus use of our (4) folding tables (each 2'x 4'), (25) plastic stacking chairs, (8) wooden benches, beach umbrellas and trash cans.

Renter must do the final "day of event" furniture cleaning and set up. Borrowed furniture must be replaced before the security deposit is returned.

No cars or heavy equipment may be parked or used in the alley or garden.

Liquor may be served (but not sold without a liquor license); catering equipment such as tents, BBQ, refrigeration, tables and chairs, and florist services may be brought in.

Quiet live or digital background music is permitted, but must be played under a 60db limit (defined as the ability to carry on arm's length conversations) so as to not disturb neighbors. No DJs, drums, or throbbing reverberations are allowed. No dancing, jumping or vibrations are permitted, to prevent damage to walls or underground vaults.

Small tents, limited to 20' x 20', do not need city permits. Up to 3 such small tents may be placed back-to-back on the center lawn. Larger tents up to 1,200 square feet are permitted (e.g., 30'x40'), but Renter must get a NYC building / fire safety permit.

All garbage must be removed from the site and **taken off the block on the day of the event** (usually done by the caterer). NYMC does not have any garbage removal service.

Security guards or “family” gate watchers must be assigned to keep strangers from entering during events. **Gates must never be left open or unattended.**

The site is presented in a **safe and tidy “as is” condition**. Prior to every event our maintenance staff will mow the lawn, sweep the alley, put away hoses and clean-up litter. Our staff frequently inspect the walls and garden for safety issues.

Dealing with the weather is an obvious risk taken by the Renter when planning an outdoor event. **No refunds will be given due to weather issues**. Alternative “rain” days may be reserved in certain circumstance. We try to be flexible with this issue.

Renter must make adequate foul weather arrangements with tents, umbrellas and stadium ponchos or schedule an **alternative “rain date”**. In case of impending rain storms, heat waves or similar “Acts of God,” an event may be **postponed and rescheduled** within a year, without additional cost e.g. wedding anniversary party next year.

Dates are considered to be reserved only after the **contract is signed by both Cemetery and Renter, and 100% of the rental fee has been received.**

Cemetery reserves the right for its Staff and Trustees to attend, monitor and give advice for all events. Decorations, party and movie themes require prior approval.

Visits / Tours

Since the **Cemetery is rarely open to the public**, except during our monthly Open Gate Days (see the schedule), we request that **before asking for a private tour of the site**, potential renters go to our next-door neighbor, the **Bowery Hotel**, (not affiliated with the Cemetery) located at 335 Bowery at the corner of East 3rd Street to ask their permission to look over the edge of their second-floor balcony to catch a glimpse of our garden.

Be aware that the West (hotel) end of the Cemetery is used for storage and is our least attractive side. The **only access** to our garden is through our **alley on Second Avenue**. The gate between the Bowery Hotel and Marble Cemetery is never opened.

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