

City of Kirkland Policy: Maintenance of Public Art

Public Art

The Cultural Arts Commission is charged with managing and curating the City's public art collection, including a 1% for the Arts mandate for City projects over a certain threshold. In addition, the Cultural Arts Commission has partnered with neighborhood associations as well as private developers to expand the public art offerings.

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The Park Maintenance Division is responsible for the maintenance of the City's outdoor public artworks.

1. This includes routine inspection and care for artwork, such as cleaning and applying protective surface coatings as needed.
 - a. Reasonable effort will be made within funds available to return artwork to its original condition and integrity, when repair is due to the result of flaws, aging, damage or vandalism.

Guidelines for Decorating Public Art

The City's outdoor public art is installed with the intent to be unadorned and express the artistic intention of the artist. However, public art throughout the City, particularly sculptures and statues, are often decorated by members of the public to commemorate special events and community celebrations. These decorations may foster public enjoyment of the art, as well as a sense of community and pride in the City. The City allows such decorations consistent with the following guidelines:

1. **Be Polite.** Remember that public art belongs to everyone and can be seen by anyone.
2. First come, first to decorate:
 - a. If decorations look fresh, please leave them (refer to Guideline No. 1).
3. Decorations may be left for up to one week, however wind and rain may ruin decorations and the Parks Maintenance Division has the right to remove damaged decorations at any time.
4. Person(s) responsible for decorations - **Always return to remove your own decorations** (refer to Guideline No. 1).
5. Decorations that paint, scrape, scuff, or in any way mark or damage the public art are not allowed.

6. The City's public outdoor artworks are not signs and are not to be used for commercial messages.
7. If decorations pose a traffic hazard or a dangerous distraction to motorists or pedestrians, the decorations may be removed at the discretion of the Parks Maintenance Division.
8. The Parks Maintenance Division reserves the right to restrict or remove any decorations it deems inappropriate.
9. Please remember – **Be Polite** – the public art is intended for the pleasure of all.

For more information about this policy, contact the Parks Operations Manager, Kirkland Parks & Community Services Department at 425-587-3340.