

Washington Township Cemetery Rules and Regulations

The Cemetery Rules and Regulations are for the safety and protection of staff while grooming the cemeteries.

Cutting and trimming of grass is the largest maintenance in our cemeteries. The use of artificial flowers and wreaths on graves hinder the trimming of grass around stones, therefore the use of them is limited to 12" around the monument border. Therefore we ask that you comply with the following rules:

1. To maintain an orderly appearance, and to ensure a neat and clean cemetery, it is requested that flowers be placed in adequate containers. The use of cans, glass bottles, cardboard, etc. is not permitted. Artificial flowers may be placed directly into the ground within the noted 12" perimeter.
2. Special plantings must be approved by the cemetery sexton or Township Trustees. Once permission has been obtained, the plantings become the property of the cemetery. Any bushes and shrubbery planted must not exceed the 12" perimeter noted above.
 - **Please remember that what you plant today will grow. As it grows it will be your responsibility to maintain the 12" perimeter. If not maintained, the Cemetery Personnel may cut back or remove.**
3. The placing of the following items are not permitted at the grave site: marble chips, boxes, shells, toys, metal and wood designs, ornaments, chairs, vases, glass and plastic blocks, artificial animals, tin cans, crockery, pails, and cardboard cartons.
4. The use of decorative rock and/or stone is not permitted.
5. Winter decorations such as natural and artificial wreaths and grave blankets are permitted from November 1, to April 1. Such decorations, if not removed by April 1, will be removed by the cemetery.
6. Flower beds are permitted at the above ground markers if planted according to the following regulations:
 - Must not exceed the 12" perimeter from the monument.
 - Rose bushes are not permitted.
7. The following will not be permitted:
 - Wrought iron or any type of overhead pot or flower holders that extend more than 12" from the monument.
 - Arrangements staked or wired into place.
 - Remembrance lights or candles and holders unless within the 12" perimeter. These items may cause costly damage to maintenance

equipment and could result in serious injury to those operating the equipment or a passerby.

8. No dogs or animals are permitted in the cemetery at any time except for special service animals.
9. At the discretion of the Cemetery Personnel, the cemetery shall have the right to trim back or remove any floral decorations, flowers, bushes, trees, shrubbery, evergreens and plants of any kind that no longer conform to rules and regulations.
10. Any questions or concerns shall be directed to cemetery management or a Township Trustee.
11. The cemeteries are closed from dusk to dawn.