



## CEMETERY REGULATIONS

**Effective October 1, 2019**

**The Cemetery, nor any of its members, shall not be liable for injuries to persons or property which occur on the cemetery premises regardless of cause.**

All persons are reminded that these grounds are devoted to the sacred burial of the dead. It is our desire to maintain an area of respect, tranquility and beauty for family and friends to visit deceased loved ones. In this endeavor we request everyone to abide by the rules and regulations of the cemetery. If you have questions or concerns you may make an appointment to speak with the cemetery officials. We respect your desire to honor your loved ones, but at the same time, we ask you to respect the grounds and our maintenance of them.

**\*Cemetery grounds are sacredly devoted to the burial of the dead and provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by statute, will be strictly enforced in all cases of wanton injury, disturbance and/or violations of these regulations.**

### **Burial Dates / Times**

Absolutely NO SUNDAY burials.

Any burial (full body or cremains) not completed by 4 PM will incur an evening charge.

All burials must be completed and closed by 5:30 PM.

Saturday burials will incur the Saturday fee.

### **Cemetery Visitation Hours**

May through September 7am – 7pm

October through April 8am – 5pm

**Anyone found in the cemetery after dark will be considered trespassing, the police will be called, and individuals will be prosecuted.**

### **Outer Burial Containers**

All burials must be contained within an outer burial container, purchased from Greenwood Memorial, LLC, or an outside funeral home. Containers purchased outside are subject to the inspection fee. This requirement will be strictly adhered to except in the case of *Green Burial*, provided by a certified Green Burial funeral home, and in an approved Green Burial space.

### **Excavation**

All excavation will be done by the cemetery approved excavator. No other excavation is allowed.

One of the most important aspects of cemetery care is mowing and trimming. Graveside adornments make this job exceedingly difficult. Item can often become dangerous to groundskeepers and visitors if they get entangled in the mowing equipment. The safety of our visitors is our paramount concern, and gravesite adornments pose a great risk.

If an item is removed from a gravesite, it will not be disposed of, nor destroyed. We value your acts of remembrance, but need to hold all gravesites to a safe, respectable, and well-maintained standard. If an item is deemed inappropriate (for any reason, at the sole discretion of the cemetery) it will be placed in a secure area for your retrieval.

Please respect the common rules for everyone. Repeated violation of the regulations will result in the confiscation of items, which will not be returned after the second offense.

### **Flags / Flowers / Plants**

The flags which are the gift of local veteran's organizations and are placed prior to Memorial Day will be removed and properly disposed after Labor Day. The cemetery is not responsible for broken, damaged, weathered, or missing flags. Every attempt will be made to preserve flags during this timeframe. If a flag is deemed to be unacceptable the cemetery will remove and dispose of the flag properly.

- No plants, trees, or shrubs shall be planted around stones.  
No statues or lawn ornaments or breakable decorations of any kind (glass, ceramic, etc.)  
No boxes, shells, metal signs, shepherd hooks, or stepping stones permitted.  
Remove all holiday decorations 2 weeks after the holiday, otherwise the cemetery will deem them abandoned and remove them as necessary.
- Only cemetery approved devotional lighting will be allowed, and will be according to the religious custom and type. These lights must be placed against the corner of the foundation and will be moved by cemetery officials if placement impedes proper mowing/trimming of grass.
- The cemetery will attempt to preserve floral arrangements (especially after a burial) but is not responsible for broken, damaged, weathered, or missing flowers. Any floral decoration not securely attached to appropriate mounted vases or stones will be removed if such arrangements impede the proper care of grass, and trimming of weeds, or if they become unsightly. If continued placement of impeding decorations occurs we will cease trimming of that space until regulations are properly followed.
- Christmas wreaths and other seasonal adornments may be placed on graves from Dec. 1 through Jan. 9. All seasonal adornments will be removed on Jan. 10. Wreath easels should be used.
- Any/all decorations around gravesides which impede the normal operation of the cemetery, including mowing, will be removed. The cemetery is not responsible for items left at gravesites.

During an annual spring cleanup, prior to the mowing season, the cemetery will remove any floral arrangements or decorations left after the fall. The cemetery reserves the right to remove any decorations which impede the proper care of the grounds.

If you wish to keep your decorations, you must remove them before the Spring and Fall clean up times.

Spring removal of items must be complete by March 31<sup>st</sup>

Fall removal of items must be complete by October 31<sup>st</sup>

## **Monument Placement and Sale**

All monuments *must* have a foundation approved by the cemetery caretaker BEFORE placement of any permanent monument at Greenwood Memorial. All foundations must include at least a 3 inch excess surrounding the base of the monument. This allows the cemetery to mow without getting too close to your monument. Failure to do so will incur a fine of \$500 for the removal of the incorrect foundation and repair of the grounds. All monument companies must have the cemetery caretaker mark placement of all stones prior to installing foundations. Failure to do so will incur the same fine. Any damage to nearby monuments must be reported to the cemetery immediately and repair will be the responsibility of the monument company, or damaging party.

- Only ONE upright stone is permissible on an individual space.
- No upright stones will be allowed outside the existing row of stones.
- Flat markers may be required at certain places throughout the cemetery depending upon the available space, determined only by the cemetery officials and for the purpose of maneuvering mowing and excavating equipment.
- Corner Lot Markers may not be above the level of the ground.

## **Date Engraving**

The cemetery can arrange for your dates to be engraved upon your stone. Please inquire about these charges as they are determined by the font and amount of lettering needed.

## **Cemetery Care and Maintenance**

The regular care and maintenance of the cemetery does not include maintenance, repair or replacement of any memorial, monument, bench, niche or any other marker. The cemetery reserves full control over the cemetery operations and management of the land within the cemetery grounds, and will take every reasonable precautions to protect lot owners and their property, but will not be responsible for loss, damage, or injury. Any marker deemed dangerous, broken, impeding can be removed at the sole discretion of the cemetery.

## **General Rules**

The possession or consumption of illegal drugs or alcoholic beverages within the cemetery is strictly forbidden. No dogs or domestic animals are permitted in the cemetery unless leashed. The person bringing the animal onto cemetery ground is responsible for any and all damage and cleanup.

No persons, other than law enforcement, cemetery personnel, or authorized groups of military details performing military honors shall be permitted to carry firearms within the cemetery.

No advertising, notices or signs of any kind will be allowed in the cemetery.

Motor vehicles of any kind are restricted to the cemetery roadways and are not permitted on the burial grounds.

## **Fees**

All fees due must be paid at the time of burial or placement of remains or stone/foundation. Late fees will be subject to 1.5% per month or 18%APR.

## **Perpetual Care Trust Fund**

Please note: the perpetual care trust fund is for the appropriate maintenance of the grounds only (not memorials). This trust is not owned by the cemetery or its officials, and is subject to reporting to the Orphans Court and the Real Estate Commission. A portion of your lot sale price is deposited into this trust, much more today than in the past. This fund is limited in its use and is not easily accessible to the cemetery corporation. Building this fund ensures the future of Greenwood, beyond individual caretakers. Your participation in this trust beyond the lot purchase is possible by donations and voluntary gifts recorded therein by donor name and amount. Thank you for helping us keep Greenwood Memorial in operation!

## **Cemetery Contacts:**

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