

**St. John's Cemetery Rules**  
**enforced by the Cemetery Committee**  
**effective April 15, 2008**

1. The yearly published Memorial Day rules are as published by the Cemetery Committee in the St. John's church bulletin or the monthly church news letter.
2. The fee for any type of burial, burial casket or cremation is \$25 payable in check form either by the funeral home or the private party making the cremation urn burial within 15 days of any burial. A burial certificate or photo copy or original of the cremation certificate must be sent with the check.
3. No double level burials are permitted on a grave plot; this is defined as one casket placed on top of another.
4. Only one cremation urn burial is permitted on a grave plot that already has a casket burial on it. The cremation urn burial must have a flush to ground marker so it can be mowed over.
5. A maximum of 2 cremation urn burials are permitted on a single burial plot. Burial "A" may have an above ground marker, burial "B" must have a flush to ground marker. The exception to this rule is the East side of the cemetery, where single plots are sold and both markers must be flush to ground for mowing.
6. Cemetery burial plots are sold at the price of \$350 per burial plot for current church members and \$500 for former church members. A person will be allowed to buy a maximum of 2 plots; one for themselves and one for their spouse. An additional \$50 fee will need to be paid for a burial plot that has a cremation in addition to a casket burial on one plot. Burial plots that were purchased prior to August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005, will be exempt from paying this additional \$50.
7. The caretaker or any cemetery committee member may sell cemetery plots. A sale is defined as the issuance of a deed for a grave plot or plots to an individual. The person selling this plot will be paid \$15 by check by the cemetery treasurer.
8. The caretaker or any cemetery committee member may locate and/or mark a plot for a burial of a casket or urn. The person marking the plot will be paid \$15 by check by the cemetery treasurer.
9. Heirs or anyone who wishes to transfer property must follow the Minnesota decent of property laws. A copy is available from the committee. The fee for the transfer deed is \$15. No fee is paid to caretaker or committee member who helps with this service.

10. The Cemetery Committee will be responsible for seeding the ground within 9 months of a new burial.
11. The caretaker is required to mark the location of monuments and markers for plot owners and supervise their placement. A “monument” is defined as any upright stone placed on the property and a “marker” is defined as any flush stone or metal plate placed at the East or West end of a plot. The caretaker is permitted to charge the monument company or the plot owner a reasonable fee.
12. Concrete grave liners or vaults are required for all casket burials. They are not required for cremation urns.
13. Grave digging companies are required to follow Minnesota laws regarding the depth of the grave for casket burials. Cremation urns must be buried so they are covered by 18 inches of soil at a minimum. Grave digging companies are to be responsible for the level of soil on top of a grave for one year from date of burial.
14. Grave digging and monument companies are to remove all extra soil, sod and waste from the cemetery property upon the completion of their work. They may not drive vehicles over the grave or markers to do their work.
15. All monuments shall have a minimum of a 5 inch wide concrete base and all markers shall have a minimum of a 4 inch wide concrete base that is greater than their length and width. The depth of the base foundation shall be a minimum of 4 inches and for monuments deep enough to prevent their falling over.
16. Flower pots and urns shall be placed on concrete blocks or patio stones so that they can be mowed around.
17. All items which prevent the mowing of grass, exception Memorial Day rules, may be removed by the caretaker and stored in the buildings for claiming. If in violation and items are not claimed, they will be discarded.
18. The groundskeeper duties include mowing of the grass, and general upkeep of the present plotted area of the cemetery. Groundskeeper will be paid at the rate of \$130 per mowing.