



## Town of Hinsdale

### **RULES AND REGULATIONS TO BE OBSERVED IN THE TOWN CEMETERY MAPLE STREET HINSDALE, MASSACHUSETTS**

1. Burial plots will be sold to town residents of at least six (6) months residency. No exceptions.
2. A maximum of two (2) graves only to any one person or family; extenuating circumstances at the discretion of the Cemetery Committee.
3. On payment of the agreed price for the burial plot, a deed for burial privileges will be given. If full payment is not made within sixty (60) days, the unused portion will be reclaimed by the Cemetery Committee. The deed **MUST** be kept by buyer for future burials.
4. The grade of any plot shall not be changed; except with the consent and supervision of and by the Cemetery Committee.
5. Dimensions of grave markers shall not exceed 12" x 36" x 36". In cremation area, only small markers or flat-to-ground markers allowed. Where there is already a marker and family wants to add another marker, only flat marker is allowed.
6. Foundation work for grave markers and installation of markers and corner posts shall be by or under the supervision of the Cemetery Committee.
7. We prefer flowers to be planted in front of the headstone. **NO EVERGREENS, TREES OR SHRUBS SHALL BE PLANTED ON THE PLOTS.** Disposal of plant pots, packages, etc., must be taken out by family. Please do not throw disposals over the stone wall or on cemetery property.  
All live flowers (cut or plant) decorations will be removed by the Committee when the appearance of such flowers or plants so warrants. This also applies to all artificial decorations.



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8. All summer decorations will be removed by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Holiday or winter decorations may be placed after November 15<sup>th</sup>. All plots will be cleaned up in the spring by April 1<sup>st</sup>. (Weather permitting on all dates.)
9. No glass containers shall be used on the graves for flowers or other decorations, please.
10. Funeral flowers, etc., will be removed from the grave no later than one (1) week after the funeral.
11. The Cemetery Committee has the authority to remove all existing overgrown shrubs or evergreens.
12. Damage to monuments, headstones, or markers is not the responsibility of the Cemetery Committee. Repairs will be the responsibility of the family or relatives.
13. The Cemetery will be closed for burials as of November 1<sup>st</sup> and open April 1<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting. The walk-in gate is open all year round.
14. Any vandalism or unauthorized traffic will cause the Cemetery Committee to lock and close the Cemetery from sundown to sunrise at its discretion.
15. **PETS MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES. PLEASE, PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET.**
16. The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to change these Rules & Regulations as required.

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