



Hinsdale Cemetery Committee
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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 with at least six (6) months residency. Exceptions will be made for former residents of Hinsdale.**
- 2. A maximum of two (2) graves will be sold 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 provided. 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 as proof 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 tilt markers under 8" or flat-to-ground markers allowed. Where there is already a marker and the family wants to add another marker, please consult with the Cemetery Committee for a variance.**
- 6. Foundation work for grave markers and installation of markers and corner posts shall be by and under the supervision of the Cemetery Committee. Fees for the foundation work can be found under Fee's on the Town of Hinsdale website in the Cemetery Committee section.**



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7. 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. Evergreens, trees and shrubs planted in the cemetery will be subject to removal at the discretion of the Cemetery Committee. All live flowers (cut or plant) decorations or other decorations will be removed by the Committee when the appearance of such flowers, plants, or decorations so warrants. This also applies to all artificial decorations.
8. All summer decorations will be removed by October 1st. Holiday or winter decorations may be placed after November 15th. All plots will be cleaned up in the spring by April 1st. (Weather permitting on all dates.)
9. No glass containers shall be used on the graves for flowers or other decorations, please, as they pose a safety risk to visitors.
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, evergreens, flowers, and other vegetation as necessary.
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 1st and open April 1st, weather permitting. The walk-in gate is open all year round. The drive-in gate will be closed during this time when weather makes it hazardous to drive motorized vehicles on the unpaved, dirt roads. ATV's and Skimobiles are not allowed on the Cemetery Grounds at any time.
14. Any vandalism or unauthorized traffic will cause the Cemetery Committee to lock and close the Cemetery from sundown to sunrise at its discretion.



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- 15. PETS MUST BE LEASHED AT ALL TIMES AND IN CONTROL. PLEASE, PLEASE CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR PET. The Cemetery is a sacred place tHAT honors those who are buried. The Cemetery is not a dog or pet park. Please be respectful.**
- 16. The Cemetery Committee reserves the right to change or modify these Rules & Regulations as required.**

These Rules and Regulations amended on March 25, 2024.