

HARTLAND CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Rules and regulations are a very difficult area for cemeteries. The Township must weigh the desires and needs of the family and friends to express grief in their own way but the Township also has a need to mow, trim, blow leaves and dig graves without having to move items left on cemetery lots.

The Township's cemetery rules and regulations are under constant review as the Township tries to balance the need to care for and protect the cemetery grounds with the families' needs to express their grief. Any aggrieved person may petition the Township Board at a regularly scheduled public meeting, if he or she believes an exception to the within described rules is warranted.

HOURS

The Cemetery is open daily from Dawn to Dusk. All funerals in the cemetery shall be under the direction of the Township Board or its designee.

There shall be no entry or presence in the cemetery by any unauthorized person when the cemetery is closed or outside of authorized times.

CEMETERY DÉCOR

There shall be no headstones, ornaments, vases, plastic flowers, fences, benches, trellises, statues, signs or any other item placed, kept, installed, or maintained in a cemetery except those expressly allowed by the Cemetery Ordinance.

Annual and/or small perennial flowers may be placed on cemetery lots in designated flower bed areas only. Flower beds shall be placed on the inscription side of the headstone. Flower beds cannot extend more than 12 inches from the headstone and cannot be longer than the width of the headstone.

Cut flowers are permitted only in flush-mounted vases or other approved containers. No Glass is allowed.

Potted plants shall be allowed from May 24th through June 15th only. If left after that date, they will be removed and discarded without notice.

Wreaths and grave blankets are only allowed from November 1st through March 31st.

Owners or families are to clean up tribute areas, remove grave blankets, wreaths and weathered decorations by April 1 and by October 1 of each year.

Absolutely NO GLASS containers allowed on cemetery grounds.

FLAGS. Flags will be allowed to be placed in the Cemetery but only on the graves of veterans. Exceptions are made for State, County or local police and fire officers killed in the line of duty who then are entitled to a flag.

There shall be no digging, grading or mounding unless expressly authorized by the Cemetery Ordinance.

There shall be no disinterment or grave openings unless approved by the Township or other authorized agencies.

PROHIBITED ITEMS ON ALL CEMETERY LOTS

Following items are prohibited on all cemetery burial spaces and lots:

- Coping, fences, curbing, steps, benches, boxes, metal designs, chairs, or any other structure or apparatus, except those expressly permitted by the Cemetery Ordinance.
- Artificial flowers
- Shrubs, trees, hedges, vines, or groundcover other than grass on burial spaces
- Knick knacks, wind chimes, windmills, wind socks, toys, dolls, stuffed animals, balloons, banners, or other man-made objects used as grave decorations
- Statuary not incorporated into a monument
- Remembrance Lights or any other kind of light (solar lights, lanterns) placed on individual lots except as part of a recognized and Township approved ceremony

REMOVAL

Any monument, marker, planting, trellis, personal items, urn, flowers or foliage (whether real or artificial), structure, flag (except for lawful veterans flags), or other items that have been placed, installed or left in any Township Cemetery in violation of these Rules and Regulations, the Township Cemetery Ordinance, or any Township or State rule or regulation, may be removed by the Township and/or their designee at any time and destroyed or disposed of without any prior notice to, permission from, or liability or obligation to the person or persons who left, installed, maintained or kept such item in the cemetery.

Township Board, their assignees, and/or Cemetery personnel are not liable for any items left on Cemetery property, lots or graves.

BEHAVIOR

No children under twelve (12) years of age shall be allowed in any Township cemetery unless accompanied and supervised by an adult at all times.

No person may disturb the quiet of the cemetery by noise or improper conduct of any kind. Persons in the cemetery are expected and required to conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner at all times. Profane or boisterous language will not be allowed and loiterers will not be tolerated in the Cemetery.

No person shall disturb the peace or unreasonable annoy, harass or disturb any other person who is lawfully present on the grounds of any Township cemetery.

There shall be no music, playing of any radio, or the use of any amplification device or similar item, except pursuant to a military ceremony or funeral, unless preapproved by the Township.

No person shall engage in any fight, quarrel or disturbance.

There shall be no unlawful interference with or disruption of a lawful funeral or funeral procession.

No recreational activities are allowed in the Cemetery, including but not limited to ball playing, hockey, fishing, rollerblading or skating, golfing or any other related activities.

PROHIBITED ON CEMETERY PROPERTY

The following are specifically prohibited at all times on the cemetery property:

- Metal detectors
- Fires, candles or open flames except as part of a recognized and Township approved ceremony
- Possession and consumption of Alcoholic beverages
- Barbeques, picnicking, or other consumption of food
- Scattering or dispersing of cremains or ashes of a deceased person
- Domestic animals or pets except for dogs assisting handicapped persons
- Firearms and archery arrows are prohibited except that military or other veterans organizations may carry arms for the purpose of firing over the grave at the burial of a member or as part of a recognized and Township approved ceremony

VEHICLES

No vehicles shall be permitted to drive on lawns or cemetery plots in a cemetery. The speed limit within all Hartland Township Cemeteries shall be 5 miles per hour (mph).

There shall be no motorcycles, snowmobiles, four-wheelers, go-carts or similar vehicles allowed in the cemetery.

SOLICITATION

There shall be no solicitation of services or goods or any signs or placards advertising any goods or services located within the cemetery.

VANDALISM

No person shall destroy, deface, apply graffiti to or otherwise injure or damage any monument, sign, tree, plant or other lawful item located within a Township cemetery.

There shall be no littering, dumping, vandalizing or tipping over of any lawful garbage container or receptacle.

The abuse of monuments, markers, graves or Cemetery appurtenances whether intentional or otherwise, and the unauthorized removal of flowers, urns or any of the Cemetery equipment will be considered vandalism and/or destruction of property or larceny and will be so treated. Persons entering the cemetery will be held fully responsible for any damage done to the Cemetery properties.