

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

Maple Grove Cemetery, Mason, Michigan
Effective: November 23, 2015

Burials

1. All burials shall be in metal or concrete vaults, or concrete rough boxes, except for cremations and infant burials in casket size of two feet six inches (2.6") or less.
2. No elevated mounds shall be built over graves, and no lot shall be filled above the grade established by the Cemetery Director.
3. The Sexton must write the section number, section letter, and space number of the lot at the bottom of the burial certificate. The same information must be written on cremation interments, with the addition of cremation burial location on the space by direction (North-South-East-West).

Burial Arrangements

1. At least eight (8) regular working hours (Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) notice must be given the Cemetery Director whenever an interment is to be made, and all interments must be made by the Cemetery Director or his/her assistants, or under his/her supervision. No person will be permitted to dig a grave or open any grave already there without first obtaining a permit to do so from the Cemetery Director. No Sunday burials.

Cemetery Grounds and Plantings

1. The Cemetery Director shall establish the grade of all lots and lawn. The Cemetery board of Trustees and the City Administrator shall direct all improvements to be made in Maple Grove Cemetery, before as well as after, interments have been made therein. The Cemetery Board of Trustees reserves the right to remove any tree, plant, shrub, or any other object that violates Cemetery Rules and Regulations.
2. All persons are prohibited from picking any flowers or breaking or injuring any tree, plant, or shrub on the Cemetery grounds.

Flowers and Decorations

1. Hanging baskets, wire baskets, glass covered or wood boxes, chairs, benches, settees and fencing are classified as undesirable ornaments in the Cemetery and are prohibited.
2. All persons are prohibited from picking any flowers or breaking or injuring any tree, plant, or shrub on the Cemetery grounds.
3. The Cemetery Director shall reserve the right to remove funeral designs and floral pieces as soon as they become unsightly.
4. Winter decorations, artificial flowers, figurines and decorations (not to exceed 18 inches in height) may be maintained on graves from November 1 to April 1. If such decorations are not removed by April 1, they shall be considered abandoned and may be disposed of by the Cemetery Director.

5. No sod may be removed from any Cemetery lot except within eighteen inches (18") of a marker or monument on the interment side for planting flowers. All rose bushes containing thorns are prohibited.
6. Any urn that has not been used for five (5) consecutive years may be removed from the Cemetery by the Cemetery Director or his/her designees.
7. No shrubs or trees shall be planted until prior approval has been given by the Cemetery Director. Plantings will only be permitted at the ends of the monuments. No shrubs or trees will be permitted which will exceed five feet (5') at maturity.

Hours

1. Visitors will be admitted every day from sunrise to sunset.
2. The Cemetery Director or his/her designees shall have the care of the Maple Grove Cemetery, and are hereby authorized to have removed all those who violate these rules or commit trespass.
3. The Cemetery Director and Board of Trustees have no private ends to subserve or any pecuniary interest to benefit, and be proud of the beauty of Maple Grove Cemetery, will be pleased to consult with and advise lot owners looking toward further improvements of the grounds.

Markers, Monuments, and Foundations

1. All markers and monuments shall be installed under the supervision of the Cemetery Director. All foundations shall be placed by Maple Grove Cemetery employees except those markers which the American Legion Browne/Cavender Post #148 installs as part of the "Row of Flags". All marble markers and monuments are prohibited. All military markers four inches (4") or less thick shall be installed flush with the ground unless used as a double marker on a granite base. Lot corner markers may be used if level with the ground.
2. The following material in any form will not be permitted: sandstone, slate, artificial stone, field stone, terra cotta, wood, iron, glass, unconsolidated material (i.e. wood chips, stone etc.), and all kinds of landscape edging.

Pets

1. All dogs and other domestic animals are prohibited from running at large on the grounds, and the owners of same will be held responsible for any damage done.

Vehicles

1. Any person driving a vehicle in the Maple Grove Cemetery shall be responsible for any damage done to the Cemetery, including its privately owned contents, by said vehicle.
2. No person shall drive a vehicle in excess of 15 miles per hour on any Cemetery road, or drive off the established roads unless permission is given by the Cemetery Director.

All of the above rules were adopted by the Board of Trustees and have been excerpted from the original minutes, which are on file in the Office of the City Clerk, City Hall, Mason, Michigan. These rules were amended November 23, 2015.

BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES