



Algoma Township Cemetery Rules



Hours:

The cemetery shall be open to the general public during the daylight hours. No person shall be permitted in the Township cemetery at any time other than the foregoing hours, except upon the permission of the Township Board or the sexton of the cemetery.

Markers & Monuments:

All markers must be made of stone or other equally durable composition. Any large upright marker must be located upon a suitable foundation two inches larger than the marker on all sides to maintain the same in an erect position with the exception of bronze markers which will be installed in cement at ground level. Only one marker shall be permitted per burial space with the exception of veteran markers. The footing or foundation upon which any marker or monument must be placed shall be constructed by the Township, or person so designated by the Township.

The Township shall not be responsible for damage to grave markers or grave sites as a result of the elements, vandalism, thievery, or by other causes beyond the control of the Township.

Ground Maintenance and Care:

The general care of the cemetery is assumed by the Township.

The following items are APPROVED for placement in the cemetery:

Urn/containers placed from May 1 - November 1.

Vehicles, only operated on the roads.

Unless prior approval is given by the Township or the cemetery sexton the following actions/items are PROHIBITED in the cemetery:

Grading, leveling or excavation

Mounds that hinder the use of mowing the lawn

Landscape materials (i.e. bark mulch, stone, etc)

Off-road or all-terrain vehicles

Planted flowers, shrubs, trees or vegetation

Signs or advertisements (unless Twp)

Hunting or trapping

All objects and items placed at a cemetery lot or burial space that are not consistent with a pleasing and uniform appearance in the cemetery or that through decay, deterioration or damage are determined to be unsightly, a source of litter or a maintenance problem are subject to removal by the Township and/or the cemetery sexton. The Township Board reserves the right to regulate the method of decorating burial spaces and cemetery lots, so that an appropriate appearance can be maintained throughout the cemetery. Any monument, effigy or other structure or object not in compliance with the Cemetery Ordinance or that is inconsistent with a reasonably uniform and character appearance of the cemetery is subject to removal by the Township.



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Conduct of Persons within the Cemetery:

The cemetery grounds shall not be used as a place for recreational activity. Proper and dignified conduct, appropriate to a place of public burial, shall be observed within the cemetery at all times.

The following are PROHIBITED behaviors:

Picking flowers

Breaking or injuring a tree, shrub or plant

Writing upon, defacing or destroying any grave marker, memorial, or other structure

Destroying or disturbing of animal life

Consumption of alcoholic beverages

Loud talking within hearing distance of a funeral service, or disturbing others at grave sites

Possession of Firearms (unless authorized law enforcement or military escort for services)

Children under 18 years of age, unless accompanied by at least one adult

Sign, notices or advertisements of any kind (unless placed by Township)

Littering

Motor Vehicles within the Cemetery:

Motor vehicles within the cemetery shall always keep to the right side of a cemetery road. Motor vehicles shall not park or come to a complete stop in front of an open grave unless the occupants of the vehicle are in attendance at a funeral.

Motor vehicles shall not be driven off a cemetery road or be driven in a manner such as to damage any grass, tress, shrubbery or plants in the cemetery. No person shall park or leave a motor vehicle in such a location as to prevent any other motor vehicle from passing.

A vehicle shall not be operated in the cemetery for recreation purposes. Any motor vehicle improperly parked within a cemetery may be removed by the Township, and the owner and/or operator of the vehicle shall be responsible for all costs of such removal.

Township Contact Information

If you encounter any problems or have any concerns or questions regarding the cemetery, please contact the Algoma Township Clerk's Office at 616-866-1583.

The Office is open weekdays 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.