

Whitewater Township Cemetery  
Rules and Regulations  
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General Rules

All those using or visiting the cemetery, shall respect the quiet, good order, and sacred character of the grounds.

Cemetery hours are dawn to dusk.

Alcohol and/or drugs are prohibited.

Planting of flowers, trees, vines shrubs or shepherd hooks is prohibited.

The placing of globes, tumblers, bottles, vases and other glasses as well as toys and figurines on graves, is prohibited.

Purchase and Use of Graves

Persons desiring to purchase graves shall contact the Township Office. The Public Works Director will provide information as to the availability and prices of graves.

Deeds will be issued for graves when total purchase is complete. Including all required signatures

No owner of a grave may sell to another party. Resale of Graves is prohibited other than to the Township at the original purchase price.

All owners of a grave shall provide to the board of Trustees, in writing, a list of the names and addresses of the persons whom their property would pass by intestate succession.

Any person who receives a grave by gift, inheritance, or any other means shall give written notice to the Township within one year after receiving the interest.

Unused or non-transferred graves will be processed, including re-entry by the Township, as provided for by Ohio law.

Only one burial vault and one cremation or two cremations will be permitted per grave. A marker must be erected to reflect the entire grave usage.

Grave owners shall not use their graves for any other purpose other than the burial of human remains or cremains and erection of monuments or markers to their memory.

All persons purchasing burial graves shall comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Township. The Trustees reserve the right to pass additional rules and regulations, and to amend current ones.

## Care of Graves

Flowers are not permitted on graves from April 1<sup>st</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup>. Exception to this will be granted for the day before, day of, and the day after Easter, Mothers Day, Memorial Day, Fathers Day, July 4<sup>th</sup> and Labor Day

The Township may remove all flowers, potted plants, wreaths or other decorations when they become frosted, faded, withered or in the opinion of the Township unsightly.

The Township shall not be responsible for any memorials.

## Funerals and Interments

Funeral directors will be responsible for giving notice for the opening and closing of graves, and all associated services.

Funeral directors shall be responsible for the delivery and installation of vaults. The vault company contracted by the funeral home shall take all necessary precautions to leave the grounds undisturbed.

It shall be the responsibility of the funeral directors to replace any items destroyed or repair any damage caused by their employees or their agents.

The Township does not provide tents, chairs, and/or lowering devices or other equipment required at the cemetery.

All burials on owned graves will be restricted to grave owners and their heirs.

## Monuments

The placement of a marker, headstone or monument is required for all graves.

The installation of monuments, headstones, and markers, along with the required foundations, shall be the responsibility of the lot owners and monument companies. Foundation location is to be determined by the Township. All installations shall be to Township specifications and subject to the inspection and approval of the Public Works Director.

Whitewater Township shall not be held responsible for the sinking of foundations that may occur after a burial. The purpose of the cemetery grounds is for the burial of deceased persons, and any markers or monuments installed as a pre-need may, in fact, be disturbed by the burial. The owners of graves are responsible for any foundation repairs or replacements that may be needed