

TOWN & VILLAGE OF
Waterbury
VERMONT

Cemetery Commission

Rules & Regulations

The purpose of the public cemeteries shall be a burial place for the remains of the deceased and those that want to pay their respects. Other low impact secondary uses such as walking, jogging and biking are permissible provided they do not interfere with the primary use. Any uses other than those stated must receive advance written permission of the Waterbury Cemetery Commission.

General Conduct

- The public visiting the Waterbury Cemeteries shall be mindful of proper decorum.
- Refrain from loud, boisterous or obscene language.
- Alcoholic beverages are not permitted
- No solicitation of services
- Visitors to the cemeteries are prohibited from picking, cutting or injuring in any manner the fauna or flora. The removal of any plants, lawns, fences, structures, trees, bushes or memorials must have advance written permission of the Waterbury Cemetery Commission.
- Discharging firearms in the cemetery, except for veteran's services is prohibited.
- Snowmobiles, ATVS or similar vehicles are prohibited.
- No vehicle will park or drive across a grave lot or lawn except by permission of the commission.
- Dogs are not allowed in the cemeteries, with the exception of service dogs.
- The Waterbury Cemetery Commission will set the hours and dates of operation and set all related fees.
- The Waterbury Cemetery Commission may, at its discretion, allow minor exception to the strict interpretations of any of these rules. Such exceptions shall not create binding precedents nor shall they affect the general application of any rule.
- Donations will be under the charge of the commission.

Burial Rights

Burial rights conveyed by the Town of Waterbury Cemetery Commission shall be the sole and separate rights of the person or persons named in the deed. The burial rights may be conveyed, assigned or deeded to anyone that the deed holder names. On the decease of the deed holder(s), the descendants and/or heirs will have burial rights.

Forms & Procedures (*available at WaterburyVT.com or at the Town Clerk's office*)

- A complete *Interment Form* and all applicable fees must be filed and remitted prior to any burial or any grave opening.
- All work to be performed in Waterbury Cemeteries requires a *Work Permit*.
- All plot sales must be recorded on a *Burial Plot Sale Agreement*. Lots that will not be used may be sold or donated back to the Town of Waterbury. In a sale back to the town, where the original price is not known, the Commission shall set a fair price.
- No cremated remains will be accepted without a *Cremation Certificate*.
- Weekend and overtime charges: Interments, disinterments or removals on weekends or holidays will pay an additional \$100 fee. Late arrivals or long duration funerals may necessitate additional charges.

Perpetual Care

The Town of Waterbury Cemetery Commission will collect and manage funds for the long term care of the town's cemeteries. The perpetual care assumed by the Town of Waterbury Cemetery Commission shall in no case involve the maintenance, repair, replacement of any memorials, foundations, or monuments placed or erected upon any lot.

Flowers, Trees or Shrubs

In ground flowers may be placed on a lot. They must be a minimum of ½ foot (6 inches) from the adjoining lots. The planting of shrubs or trees requires advance approval of the Commission. Cut flowers and funeral arrangements will be removed when they become unsightly. The Commission and the Town of Waterbury are not liable for any floral arrangements, plants or receptacles that are lost, misplaced, stolen or broken. Artificial flowers or simulation flowers, floral displays, wreaths or similar devices may be displayed only between November 1st and Memorial Day. The Town of Waterbury Cemetery Commission shall have the authority, with no liability, to remove all floral decorations, flags, shrubs, plants, herbage or adornments of any kind and their receptacles which in the judgement of the Commission or the Superintendent have become unsightly, dangerous, diseased, detrimental or which do not conform to the regulations.

Receiving Vault

The receiving vault is for temporary use only, all caskets must be removed before June 1st. the Waterbury Cemetery Commission, at its sole discretion, and without notice, may remove a casket with its body from the vault.

Interments, Disinterment and Removals

Interments, disinterment and removals are subject to the rules and regulations of the Town of Waterbury, its Cemetery Commission, Washington County and the State of Vermont. The opening and closing of graves will be under the Commissioners direction. Every interment of a casket shall require a one-piece burial vault with cover, both made of concrete or a material approved by the Commission. Cremated remains shall be in a non-biodegradable urn or container.

Memorials, Monuments & Markers

Purchase of Commission-approved corner posts are required on all lots or groups of lots. They will be sold and set in place at the direction of the Superintendent of Cemeteries. Above ground mausoleums, columbarium and tombs may be constructed in Waterbury Cemeteries only under direction of the Commission. All memorials will be set and maintained in safe condition at the owner's expense. The Commission, in its sole judgement, may correct or remove unsightly or dangerous items at the owner's expense.

Not more than one above ground memorial is permitted. The Town of Waterbury Cemetery Commission in its sole judgement may approve or deny any memorial, monument or marker placement. The Commission will oversee the placement and excavation of all foundation work.

Revised and Approved,

Waterbury Cemetery Commission

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