

Cemetery

Rules and Regulations



Franconia NH's Elmwood and Willow Cemeteries

General Regulations

A cemetery is meant to be a quiet and dignified repository for loved ones. Any activity which distracts from this atmosphere, or abuses or damages the property, will not be allowed.

Please note the following:

1. Cemetery hours are dawn to dusk.
2. Do not create a disturbance of any kind.
3. Please refrain from picking any flowers or disturbing any tree, shrub or plant material.
4. The Cemetery is not to be used as picnic grounds or as a place for consuming alcoholic beverages.
5. There will be no discharging of firearms or fireworks in the Cemetery except for authorized volleys at burials by recognized military organizations of the United States.
6. Injuring or defacing any monument, stone, structure, fence or property within the Cemetery is a violation of New Hampshire law.
7. The Trustees may forbid any person who violates these rules from entering the Cemeteries.
8. The Town leash law shall be observed. Pet waste must be removed from the Cemetery.

Traffic Regulations

1. No person shall operate a vehicle in the Cemetery except on roads. Speed limit is 10 miles per hour.
2. Off Road Recreational Vehicles are not allowed in the Cemetery.
3. No person shall unload any stones, dirt or other material in the Cemetery, unless permission has been given by the Trustees.

Right to Burial and Conveyance of Lots

1. Purchasing a lot does not give ownership, but grants the right to be buried.
2. Lots purchased in the Cemetery are for human burial purposes only.
3. At the time of purchase, the lot purchaser may supply a signed list of persons who they permit to be buried in their lot.
4. Lot purchase and contact information may be found on the Town website.
5. A written Right-to-Inter Document shall be issued to the purchaser, with designation of lot number and location as recorded in the official Town Cemetery records.
6. Lots may not be transferred, assigned or conveyed, except back to the Town for the original purchase price.
7. Only one lot may be purchased at a time.
8. Non-residents must show ties to the Town.

Greenery and Decorations

1. Planting flowers is only permitted within the distance of one foot from a monument. Flowers maintenance is the responsibility of the plot owner.
2. Planting shrubs or trees can only be done with special permission by the Trustees or Sexton.
3. The Sexton will undertake to maintain planted trees and shrubs but not flower plantings.
4. The Trustees reserve the right to remove any flowers, trees, shrubs, or plants if they become overgrown or unsightly.
5. Placing plastic flowers, floral displays or personal mementos may create a maintenance hazard and become unsightly. Cemetery staff may remove these items at their discretion.

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1. Cost of installment of monuments and cornerstones are the responsibility of the purchaser of the lot.
2. Cornerstones are required for all four corners of each lot, and should be purchased from a monument company by lot owners. These should be installed flush with the ground.
3. Monuments not flush with the ground need initial approval from the Trustees..
4. Consult with the Cemetery Sexton before installation of any monument.
1. The Sexton will set Government-issued Veterans stones at no cost.

Burials

2. There are fees and paperwork associated with burials. Rates and contact information may be found on the Town website.
3. A concrete vault is required for traditional burial, per State Law. Vaults are optional for cremations but containers are required. Specific cremation lots are available.
4. The Franconia Sexton or Trustee must be on site for all burials.
5. Weather permitting, Elmwood is open for burials May 1 through October 15.

Cemetery Maintenance

1. The Town does not accept Perpetual Care funds.
2. General maintenance is directed by the Trustees, and performed by the Sexton or designee.

Enforcement and Authority

1. The State has laws that govern Cemeteries (RSA 289).
2. The elected Trustees are empowered under RSA 289:7, I(a) to enforce all Rules and Regulations.
3. The Trustees reserve the right to amend these Rules and Regulations.

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Franconia Cemetery Trustees
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