

FUNERALS

A 48-hour notice is required for all interments. Interment fees must be paid for in advance or by the Funeral Director at the time of the funeral and must be accompanied by the usual burial permit. Burials will not be allowed without the permit. The Superintendent may refuse to make an interment until a more expedient time, if too many funerals are scheduled to arrive on the same day.

There will be no funerals on Sundays or the following holidays:

New Year's Day

Martin Luther King Day

Presidents Day

Patriots Day

Memorial Day

Independence Day

Labor Day

Columbus Day

Veteran's Day

Thanksgiving Day

Christmas Day

GRAVES & LOTS

Lots in the cemetery are limited to Ashland Residents Only. All graves and lots must be paid in full at the time of purchase.

A lot owner, who desires a larger lot, can transfer the original lot back to the cemetery and the amount will be applied to the cost of the larger lot, provided the original lot has NOT been used.

A lot owner may not sell an unused grave or graves in a lot, but may grant to a relative or friend, the right of burial in an unused grave. The lot owner must send a notarized document stating the change in Deed Holder to the Cemetery Department. A new deed will be issued to the new owner.

PLANTING

Lot owners may plant a shrub or bush on either side of the monument with the permission of the Superintendent. Shrubs or bushes planted on lots are restricted to a height of three feet or less. Flowerbeds must conform to size, width of headstone, not more than 15 inches from face of the headstone. No planting of any kind is allowed behind headstone or monument.

The cemetery reserves the right to remove without notice, any planting made in violation of the foregoing regulations and to charge the lot owner for the expenses incurred.

The Superintendent may prevent or remove any erection or enclosure and remove or prune any trees or shrubs, which may deem to be unsightly or injurious to the immediate locality, or to the general good appearance of the grounds.

No enclosures of any nature (fences, brick, or stones) are allowed. A lot owner is Permitted to have lot improvements made, subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

The cemetery will exercise reasonable care in inspecting trees and removing, in whole or part, those apparently in unsound and dangerous condition, but it expressly disclaims responsibility for injury or damage either to persons or property resulting from trees or parts thereof falling from natural causes.

IMPROVEMENTS TO LOTS

"Improvements to lots", as defined by this policy, includes the following:

- Adjustment of headstone bases;
- Removal of non-conforming plantings or markers;

The Superintendent or his/her designee must post a written notification on the headstone that an improvement to the lot is scheduled to be made. The type of improvement must be clearly spelled out in the notification. The written notification must be prominently displayed for a minimum of 7 to 30 days. The Superintendent must also research deed records located at the Department of Public works in order to locate any contact information for the owner of the lot. If a phone number or address is available through "Department records, the Superintendent must call the person listed as the owner of the lot to inform them of the improvement (s) to be done. In the alternative, the Superintendent can send the owner of the lot a certified letter detailing the improvements and the date upon which they will be made. Documentation of the attempts to contact the owner of the lot shall become part of the permanent record for the lot.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Wildwood Cemetery is a non-sectarian Town owned cemetery. Rules, Regulations and Prices, subject to change without notice. No large parcels of land can be purchased by individuals, groups or religious organizations.

The cemetery will not be responsible for any monuments, markers, or for any flowers, decorations, holders or other items placed on graves. Funeral flowers and baskets will be discarded within one week after funeral. All Christmas and winter decorations, (i.e. wreaths, baskets) must be removed by March 1st.

NOT ALLOWED

No statues, crosses of any kind, open flame candles, eternal lights, balloons, shells, toys, knickknacks, crockery, glassware, plastic flowers, Christmas trees, decoration of permanent bushes with ornaments and similar ornaments or articles shall not be placed upon any grave or lot, and if so placed, will be removed without notice.

The Superintendent has the authority to close the cemetery for snow removal; ice, mud or extremely high wind conditions, to ensure the safety of lot owners, visitors and the cemetery.

PERPETUAL CARE

The cost of perpetual care is included in the total price of the lot. Perpetual care covers the maintenance of the surface of lots or graves, mowing the grass, raking and leaf blowing, but does not include care of any kind of to monuments, markers or to bushes, shrubs or plants.

FOUNDATIONS & MONUMENTS

It is up to the lot owner to contact a Monument Company to install foundations and monuments. Monuments or foundations can be installed from April 1st to October 30. Only one upright stone per lot. Monument benches are not allowed. The Town will install Veteran's Markers.

Largest stone allowed at grave or two grave lot is 2'2" X 1'2" X 3' high.

SUMMARY OF RULES & REGULATIONS

- 1) **SPEED LIMIT OF 10 MPH MUST BE OBEYED AT ALL TIMES.**
- 2) **NO ANIMALS ALLOWED ON GROUNDS.**
- 3) **ALL FLOWERS MUST BE PLANTED WITHIN 15 INCHES OF THE HEADSTONE. IN FRONT ONLY.**
- 4) **NO BORDERS. *EXAMPLE: STONES, BRICKS, WIRE, WOOD OR PLASTIC.***
- 5) **DURING CUTTING SEASON, ANY AND ALL ITEMS (POTTED PLANTS, VASES, BASKETS, ETC.) WILL BE DISPOSED OF ON CUTTING DAYS.**
- 6) **DURING OFF-SEASON ANY AND ALL ITEMS WILL BE DISPOSED OF ONCE A MONTH.**
- 7) **NO TREES OR SHRUBS WILL BE PLANTED WITHOUT THE PERMISSION OF THE CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT.**
- 8) **SHRUBS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO GROW HIGHER THAN THE HEADSTONE AND MUST BE NEATLY PRUNED. NO SHRUBS WILL BE PLANTED ON CORNER MARKERS OR IN THE MIDDLE OF THE LOT.**
- 9) **ANY UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS FOUND REMOVING ANYTHING FROM A LOT OR FROM WILDWOOD CEMETERY SHALL BE REPORTED TO THE ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR PROSECUTION.**
- 10) **ALL QUESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT. IF FURTHER ACTION IS WARRANTED, THE MATTER WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS.**
- 11) **PERMISSION MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT FOR ANY SPECIAL REQUEST.**
- 12) **CEMETERY IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY AND ALL PERSONAL ITEMS LEFT AT THE CEMETERY.**

Town of Ashland

WILDWOOD CEMETERY Handbook



BUSINESS HOURS

Monday – Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
508-532-7940

CEMETERY HOURS:

June 1st to September 1st: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
September – May: 8:00 a.m. to Sunset

SALE OF LOTS:

Call 508-532-7940