

**CEMETERY REGULATIONS
TOWN OF VERNON, VERMONT**

1. Winter burials will be permitted if weather conditions warrants. The Cemetery Committee will notify the Selectboard each year when it is no longer advisable to allow burials. A notice will be published in the local newspaper.
2. **NO HUMAN REMAINS** shall be disposed of by burial in any Town Cemetery without proper permission from the Town Clerk.
3. Grave liners of concrete, slate or steel must be used to enclose coffins.
4. Monuments and headstones should be placed at the head of the graves and a base installed of at least 30" thickness extending 2" on all sides of monument or headstone.
5. **Graves are not to be dug until a permit is issued from the Town Clerk's Office.**
6. All burials must be 5 feet in depth, unless it is an infant under 4-years of age or a cremation when burials will be 3 1/2 feet. V.S.A. 18 .§5319.
7. Vehicles will be allowed in Tyler and North Cemeteries for burials only. Please close gates after entering and leaving the cemetery.
8. Fences shall be erected around the cemeteries and kept in good repair. V.S.A. 18 .§5364.
9. The owner of a cemetery lot may dispose of same by will to any relative(s) who may survive, or to the Town of Vernon, Vermont, in trust, for the use and benefit of any person(s) designated in such will. V.S.A. 18 .§5531(a).

Person(s) owning lot(s), and not having need for said lot(s), may sell or donate the said lot(s) back to the Town of Vernon.
10. Shrubs, flowers, etc: Shrubs may be planted at the headstone if kept in an orderly manner, and shall not exceed the height of the stone or width of the lot. Flowers should only be planted close to the headstone or in movable pots. The Cemetery Committee shall have the authority to remove all floral decorations, flags, shrubs, plants, or herbage of any kind, which, in the judgment of the Committee, have become unsightly, dangerous, diseased, or which do not conform to the regulations outlined.

Artificial flowers will be permitted until their appearance becomes unsightly. Artificial flowers must be confined to one area in bunches or wreaths. Both natural and artificial flowers or wreaths shall be removed by the lot owner(s) or the Committee when said flowers lose their original appearance.

Decorative stones on grave or around gravestones will not be allowed.
11. No fences shall be erected inside the cemetery by lot owner(s).

12. Glass containers are not allowed. Metal, plastic, or other unbreakable containers are to be used. Proper disposal of such containers shall be enforced. Containers are not to be left in the cemetery.
13. The Town will provide mowing and clipping, and graves will be leveled when necessary. Shrubs and trees planted by the Town will be maintained by said Town. Shrubs, trees, and flowers planted by the lot owner(s) shall be maintained by said owner(s).
14. Debris shall be disposed of properly in the containers located by the cemetery gates.
15. The Town will not be liable for floral pieces, shrubs, plantings, benches, or decorations damaged by the elements, vandals, thieves, or by other causes beyond its control.
16. No lot(s) shall be used for any other purpose than for the burial of the human dead.
17. Person(s) visiting the cemetery or attending funeral services are prohibited from picking flowers, wild or cultivated; breaking or injuring any tree, shrub or plant; or from writing upon, defacing, or injuring any memorial, fence, or other structure within the cemetery grounds.
18. It is the duty of the lot owner(s) to notify the Town Clerk of any change of their postal address.
19. Ornaments and similar articles are permitted on or near the headstone, and if so placed on the lot to be replaced on a monthly basis. The Town reserves the right to remove the same.
20. No monument or marker shall be removed from the cemetery except by the Town, unless the written order of the lot owner(s) is presented to the Town Clerk.
21. There shall be no removal of artifacts from the cemeteries without the owner's consent.

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ADOPTED THIS 3rd DAY OF October 2002.