

2011 Cemetery Rules and Regulations

New Cemeteries Rules and Regulations beginning July 1, 2011

As adopted by the Westbrook Cemetery Board of Trustees August 2, 2010

1. No hedges, trellises, or other enclosures shall be placed on any plot. One (1) shepherds hook will be permitted per plot as long as it is adjacent to and touching the base of the stone.
2. Flower fences, or flower borders will be allowed. However, flower fences and borders may be placed only on the front side and/or backside of the stone and cannot protrude more than 12 inches from the base of the stone. Also, these fences and borders cannot be wider than the base of the stone.
3. No planting of in-ground trees, shrubs, except that flowers are permitted in accordance with regulation number 2.
4. Plants, trees, and shrubs planted prior to the enactment of these rules and regulations will be allowed to remain. However, if a plant, tree, or shrub has to be removed in order to dig a grave, it will not be replanted. If there is a matching plant, tree, or shrub on the opposite side of the stone, the Cemetery Director* reserves the right to remove that matching plant, tree, or shrub if the Cemetery Director deems it necessary to preserve the beauty of the cemetery. The Cemetery Director also reserves the right to remove any plants, trees, or shrubs that have not been properly maintained by the lot owners either by being too large or not properly pruned.
5. No benches, settees, urns, statues shall be placed on any plot. However, small shells, toys, statues, knick knacks, or other similar objects may be place on the base of the stone only and are not allowed to be on the ground.
6. No glass vases or glass decorations of any kind are allowed due to the safety hazards they present to cemetery mowing and maintenance crews.
7. All baskets, flower boxes, potted plants, cut flowers; decorative flags are allowed and must be in accordance with regulation number 2 above. The Cemetery Director reserves the right to remove any of the above mentioned when the Cemetery Director deems that they have become unsightly, faded, damaged or destroyed.
8. A balloon(s) is allowed to celebrate the birthday or special occasion of a deceased loved one; however, the balloon(s) must be removed after 1 week of display. Balloon displays must also be adjacent and touching the base of the stone.

9. It is not the intent of the Cemetery Director to interfere with the individual taste of the lot owner, rather to ensure that families and friends are allowed to visit a place where their loved ones are buried with the guiding principles of dignity and respect for all. It is the intent of the Cemetery Director to continue to improve the beauty of the cemetery.
10. All pets within the cemetery must remain in a vehicle or be on a leash. All pet owners are required to pick up after their pet and remove from the cemetery property.
11. The Cemetery Director reserves the right to change or modify these rules and regulations as needed without prior notice.

* The term Cemetery Director refers to The Director of Public Services and/or his representatives, i.e. the Deputy Director and the Operations Supervisors