

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH CEMETERY REGULATIONS

HOURS FOR INTERMENT

The First Reformed Church Cemetery requires 48 hours' notice in advance of all burials

- Weekday – Hours of interment are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays.
- Saturday – Special arrangements may be made for burial on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. After 11:30 a.m. additional charges will apply.
- Sunday – No burials on Sunday.
- Holiday – No burials on a Holiday.

CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

- The use of a concrete vault is required.
- A maximum of six (6) floral pieces may be brought to the gravesite. Excess pieces will be disposed of.
- Concrete foundations are required for all monuments and veterans plaques.
- Concrete foundations will be put in from May 1st through November 15th, weather permitting.
- All concrete foundations must be put in by the Cemetery Contractor and must be paid for in advance.
- Standard stone monument sizes are:
 - Single grave 2' x 1'
 - Double grave 4' x 1'
- Non standard sizes must be approved by the Cemetery Commission
- Up to four (4) ash urns may be interred in a gravesite that is already occupied.
- Ash urns may be interred in a grave that is not yet occupied provided the urn is capable of withstanding exhumation and reinterment.

NOTES

- It is the duty of the plot owner(s) to notify the Cemetery of any change of address. Notice sent to the plot owner(s) at the last address on file shall be considered enough and proper notice.
- In keeping with the religious and historic nature of the Cemetery, the appearance, size and wording on all monuments, gravestones, markers, plaques and etchings must be approved by the Cemetery Commission.
- The First Reformed Church Cemetery is not responsible for damage to monuments or other structures or trespass of any kind.
- All plots will be maintained by the Cemetery Contractor ONLY. No other contractors or landscapers may perform work at the Cemetery.
- The Cemetery Contractor will add topsoil and plant grass seed on new graves at an appropriate time once the ground has settled.

CEMETERY PLOTS MAY NOT BE SOLD OR TRANSFERRED TO A THIRD PARTY

CEMETERY PLOTS MAY BE SOLD BACK TO THE CEMETERY WITH PROOF OF PURCHASE (ORIGINAL DEED) FOR THE ORIGINAL PURCHASE PRICE, NOT INCLUDING PERPETUAL CARE, LESS AN ADMINISTRATIVE FEE

CEMETERY RULES

Visiting Hours: Dawn until Dusk

Office Hours: Mon - Fri 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Visitors should not enter the Cemetery before dawn or after dusk. All individuals should respect the grounds, gravestones, monuments and decorations.

Please use the proper entrance and exit to the Cemetery grounds to ensure safety.

No littering is allowed. Trash containers are available throughout the Cemetery.

All pets must be kept on leashes and pet owners must clean up any pet messes.

Motorcycles and bicycles are not permitted on Cemetery grounds unless they are part of a funeral procession.

Only American flags, flags of police, fire and first aid members are permitted from Memorial Day until Thanksgiving Day.

Annuals and potted plants may be planted by the plot owner only within one foot of the front and sides of the gravestone within the plot. No shrubs, trees, perennials or hanging plants are permitted.

The Cemetery has the right to remove any plantings which interfere with interments or adjacent lots or which have become overgrown and unsightly.

Fences, hedges, coping, curbing or borders are not permitted.

Benches, urns, settees and matching designs are not permitted. Similarly, perpetual lights, candles, balloons, hangers, hooks, wind chimes, pictures, birdhouses, stones, pennies, note cards, statues, trinkets, toys and comparable items are not permitted and will be removed. Memorabilia items are permitted for one year after the death of a child 18 years or younger.

Wreaths, grave covers and decorations that are attached to a solid backing may be placed on graves for holidays such as Easter, Memorial Day and Christmas. They are to be fastened to the gravestone, not to the ground with metal anchors.

The tributes will be removed when they become unsightly. Holiday decorations will be removed six weeks after every holiday. Owners who wish to keep any decorations should remove them by then.

Please contact our office should you have any questions concerning our policies.