

Margaretta Township Cemeteries

Proposed Rules & Regulations

February 15, 2024

Thank you in advance for your support in keeping Margaretta Township Cemeteries attractive. Your abidance of the following rules and regulations assist us in maintaining proper lawn care while also honoring the deceased.

General:

- Rules and Regulations of Margaretta Township Cemeteries and prices for burial spaces and services are made by the Margaretta Township Board of Trustees and Sexton.
- All items placed at the cemetery must be of a respectful nature and are subject to removal by the Cemetery Sexton.
- No alcoholic beverages are to be left on the plots.
- Only the cemetery maintenance crew and/or the deceased's family/friends are permitted to remove items.
- Broken or damaged items will be removed.
- No more than 2 flower arrangements and/or personal items per interred plot unless they are placed on the foundation and they're off the ground. (Veterans markers do not count as one of the items)
- All florals on the ground must be in a vase/pot that is no larger than 12" in diameter. No bouquets stuck in the ground. No planting of live plants in the ground.
- Grave pillows and grave blankets are permissible during the months of November through March 15th
- All statues and personal items should be placed on the foundation and must be kept off the ground. Larger statues are permitted on the ground but will be counted as 1 of the 2 maximum items allowed per plot. Statues can be no larger than 8" in diameter, nor taller than 20".
- No glass or ceramic objects allowed.
- No decorations on a stake. No fence posts. Shepherd's hooks must be taller than 5ft.
- No shelving.
- All items placed must remain within the boundaries of that plot and cannot infringe upon another plot.
- No mulch, no fences nor any sort of landscaping materials.
- Planting of trees and shrubs must be approved by the Cemetery Sexton and planted by the cemetery maintenance crew or an approved vendor. All future maintenance will be the responsibility of the Township. The Township reserves the right to remove any tree or shrub at their discretion.
- Abandoned and/or unused flower pots will be removed at the discretion of the Sexton.
- Families may be invoiced to remove non-compliant items.

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Clean-Up Dates:

- Summer flowers may be placed the weekend before Easter and may remain until October 1st. All floral items left after October 1st will be disposed of – including those on top of the monuments. Small personal items will be left intact as long as they are on the foundation. Large statues and shepherd staffs will also be left intact.
- Winter flowers may be placed from November 1st to March 15th. All floral items left after March 15th will be disposed of – including those on top of the monuments. Small personal items will be left intact as long as they are on the foundation. Large statues and shepherd staffs will also be left intact.

Monuments/Markers:

- Benches must be approved by the Cemetery Sexton and placed on foundations. All foundations must be purchased from and installed by the Cemetery Sexton. All benches will be placed in-line with the monuments and must be placed within the boundaries of that plot.
- Monuments (including base) must be 56” or less in height. All monuments must fit within the width of the plot allowing for the placement of the required foundation.
- One monument at the head of the plot and one flat marker in front of this monument will be allowed per plot. Both must be on foundations.
- Niche Columbarium Monuments with single or multiple urns will be allowed but must follow the monument guidelines.
- Individual crypts are not permitted.

In-ground Interments:

- In ground interments on one plot will be allowed as follows and only where space allows:
 - One adult full burial and two urns OR
 - One adult full burial and one infant and one urn OR
 - One infant plus two urns OR
 - Four urns OR
 - Four infants
 - The number of interments/inurnments on plots less than 4’x11’ will be determined by the Cemetery Sexton.
- Full burial: Minimum of concrete grave liner; Vaults may be concrete or metal; Sexton has final approval.
- Cremation: No cardboard, styrofoam or paper containers

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Mausoleum:

- A Sealed Casket and Ensure-A-Seal bag is required.
- Only vases provided by, purchased through, or approved by the cemetery office may be installed on the niches/crypts. No more than 1 vase per niche/crypt.
- Items placed in the gravel area around the mausoleum are subject to removal.
- Niches may contain up to two urns, but they both must fit within the 11” cube.
- Crypts may contain up to six urns with no casket OR two urns with one casket.

Interment Scheduling:

- No Sunday or federal holiday burials.
- The time of the burial must be approved by the Cemetery Sexton.

Pricing & Residency Status:

- See Cemetery Sexton for details.

Purchase of Plots/Deeds:

- All plots/crypts/niches within the cemetery are sold in accordance with the provision of the Ohio Revised Code and shall not be used for any other purpose other than a burial place for deceased human remains.
- Plots/crypts/niches must be paid for in full before a burial is made. Full purchase price must be paid before a deed is issued.
- Plots/crypts/niches purchased after February 5, 2006 must be in the name of the interred.
- Plots/crypts/niches purchased after January 1, 2009 by a resident and then later transferred to a non-resident will be charged the transfer fee plus the difference between the resident and non-resident plot fees in place at that time.
- Unused Plots/crypts/niches may be sold back to Margaretta Township Cemetery at ‘face value’ at the time of purchase. This is at the discretion of the Sexton.

Opening & Closing:

- No pre-arranged payments on opening/closing.
- Disinterment will be allowed per Ohio State laws.

All Rules & Regulations are subject to the discretion of the Cemetery Sexton. Any questions or concerns, please contact the cemetery office at 419-684-5549.