

TITLE:

Cemetery Conditions and Limitations will be enforced by Trustees

SUBTITLE:

Several violations are becoming common

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Andover Cemetery Trustees

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We, the Andover Cemetery Trustees, are finding that there are infractions to the conditions and limitations that apply to Andover's cemeteries, and we remind you those rules will be enforced. The ones that seem to create the most problems are: flowers, either natural or artificial, are only permitted around the base of the main headstone and all artificial decor must be placed in a container, only one monument is permitted, all other markers must be flush with the ground surface, memorabilia placed on the lot that impedes the mowing may be removed. Solar lights are a new problem as they are being dispersed on the lot. These also must be placed adjacent to the main headstone. No landscaping may be done without the prior approval of the Trustees.

Corner stones are required by the regulations and must be in place prior to any internment. The Sexton, Samantha Poulin, will, upon request, measure for the placement of corner stones.

If you have purchased a cemetery lot in Andover in the last five years or so you received a "right to inter" and a sheet of conditions & limitations that you signed. These conditions & limitations apply to all lots and are enforced by the Cemetery Trustees. They are as follows:

CEMETERY CONDITIONS & LIMITATIONS

Andover, New Hampshire

BURIAL LOTS

1. The purchase of a cemetery lot authorizes the owner the RIGHT TO INTER human remains within the lot boundaries. Title to the real estate remains with the Town.
2. Proctor Cemetery: Full lots are for 2 full burials or 8 cremation burials. In smaller cremation lots 6 cremations are allowed.
Lakeview Cemetery: Full lots are for 1 burial or 4 cremation burials. Smaller lots allow for 2 cremation burials.
3. A lot owner may return to the Town a lot in which no burials have been made. If or when the Town sells the lot to another person, the original price of the deed shall be returned to the original owners.
4. A burial space unused and unimproved for a period of 50 years may be forfeited.

(RSA 289:18)

MAINTENANCE

1. General maintenance of all cemeteries is provided by the Town of Andover.
2. Planting of flowers is only permitted around the base of the monument. Artificial decorations must be placed in a container. No fences are allowed. Memorabilia placed on a lot that impedes the mowing may be removed by the Trustees.
3. Suitable shrubbery is permitted but must not exceed the height of the stone. The Trustees reserve the right to trim, or remove, if necessary, shrubs that have become too large and intrusive.

BURIALS

1. All burials shall be made in a concrete or metal vault.
2. All graves shall be hand dug. Permission to use machinery must be granted by the Trustees.
3. A copy of the Burial Permit shall be required with every interment and shall include the information required by RSA 5-C:67-69.
4. Any individual with the right to do so may bury ashes in their lot after completing an informational form at the Town Office.

MONUMENTS/MARKERS

1. Only one monument may be set that rises above the surface of the ground.
2. All cemetery lots must have permanent corner posts flush with the ground installed at the owners expense.
3. A foundation is required for all above ground monuments. It must be equal to the width and length of the monument.

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Burials are not permitted between October 31 and April 30. Exceptions to these dates may be made by the Trustees depending upon weather and soil conditions.

These regulations are also available on the Town web site at andover.nh.us.