

Interment Procedures

All contact shall be carried out with the Cemetery Trustees or Sexton.

Notice of interment shall be provided to a Trustee or Sexton at least 24 hours before the proposed burial. Right to inter must be validated with a Trustee or Sexton before burial can take place.

Grave preparation shall be the financial responsibility of the plot owner and shall only be performed by those registered with the Trustees. No interments shall be made until the Trustees or the Sexton is furnished with necessary documentation, as required by the State of New Hampshire.

All full burial graves shall be required to use vaults made of reinforced concrete, stone, non-ferrous metal or approved synthetic material.

All vault burials must be conducted under the supervision of a licensed funeral director and follow all laws and regulations of the State of New Hampshire.

Containers used for cremation remains must be constructed of a permanent (non-decaying) material of sufficient strength as to avoid collapse.

Burial of cremation remains may be conducted by a grave digger or an individual designated by the deceased's family under the supervision of a licensed funeral director, Trustee or the Sexton.

Graves shall not be dug more than 48 hours prior to burial. Once opened, the funeral director, next of kin or designated agent and contractor shall be liable to see that graves are adequately covered and secured until burial.

If difficulties are encountered, during the process of digging, the grave digger shall cease and the Sexton shall be contacted for approval of necessary changes.

All turf and loam shall be replaced along with all removed material up to a depth of 36 inches for vault burial and 12 inches for cremation burial. Material to be replaced shall not contain rocks larger than 2 inches in diameter. Turf, loam, and fill shall be stored on a tarp with the area being clear of rocks and dirt upon completion of burial. In filling the grave all dirt shall be tamped as it is put in along the sides and top of the vault or urn.

Use of motorized equipment must be approved in advance by the Trustees or Sexton. The grave digger is responsible for any damage caused to the cemetery, gravestones, monuments, cornerstones or fence resulting from use of motorized equipment. All damages shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Sexton with damages to gravestones, monuments and cornerstones be repaired to the satisfaction of the plot owner.

Existing gravestones set in advance for the deceased shall only be removed with the approval of the Sexton. All stones temporarily removed must be replaced where they previously existed set level with the grade of the lot with a minimum of 6 inches of tamped 3/4-inch crushed stone underneath.

No excess material shall be disposed of on cemetery property.

The grave digger shall be responsible for repair of any issues resulting from burial for a period of 36 months from the date of burial.

To enable location of plot boundaries, and to avoid damage to existing graves, interments will not occur when the ground is covered by snow or is frozen. The Trustees may authorize exemptions at their discretion.

NO SHRUBS OR TREES SHALL BE PLANTED WITHIN THE CEMETERIES

Monument Installation

Notice of monument installation shall be provided to a Trustee or Sexton at least 24 hours before installation.

Proper location must be validated with a Trustee or Sexton before installation can take place.

All monuments are the property of the plot owner and not the town of Epsom. Monument installation and maintenance is the responsibility of the plot owner and shall only be performed by those registered with the Cemetery Trustees.

Gravestones are to be set even with the grade of the lot with a minimum of 6 inches of tamped 3/4-inch crushed stone underneath.

Cornerstones are to be set even with the grade of the lot with a minimum of 6 inches of tamped 3/4-inch crushed stone underneath.

The family monument may be the only marker above grade with a base not to exceed 12 inches by 36 inches and are to be set with a minimum of 6 inches of tamped 3/4-inch crushed stone underneath. A family Monument is only allowed with the purchase of a minimum of 6 (six) plots (3 plots back to back). Additional materials must be in accordance with industry standards and be pre-approved by the Trustees or Sexton. The Trustees or Sexton shall be notified prior to the family monument or cornerstones being set.

Use of motorized equipment in monument installation must be approved in advance by the Trustees or Sexton. The monument installer is responsible for any damage caused to the cemetery, gravestones, monuments, cornerstones or fence resulting from use of motorized equipment. All damages shall be repaired to the satisfaction of the Sexton with damages to gravestones, monuments, cornerstones be repaired to the satisfaction of the plot owner.

The monument installer shall be responsible for repair of any issues resulting from monument installation for a period of 36 months from date of the installation.

To enable location of plot boundaries and to avoid damage to existing graves, monument installation will not occur when the ground is covered by snow or is frozen. The Trustees may authorize exemptions at their discretion.