

Oak Hill Cemetery

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Rules and Regulations

1. **LOT SALES**. Burial spaces are sold on a cash basis. An individual grave must be fully paid for before it can be used for burial or have a marker installed on it.
2. **CERTIFICATE OF OWNERSHIP**. A Certificate of Ownership will be issued for each lot or lots purchased. Description of cemetery property will be in accordance with cemetery plats which are kept on file in the Cemetery Association office.
3. **OWNERSHIP AND RESALE**. If the original owner has not bequeathed or willed his property, the ownership shall descend in the order prescribed by state statute upon the owner's death. If the owner sells his/or her lot or grave(s) to another party, the Cemetery must be informed of the sale and the change of ownership recorded in the Cemetery records. A small charge will be made.
4. **BURIAL PERMITS**. If the deceased is the property owner of record, no additional permission for burial is required. If the deceased is not the property owner of record, or an immediate family member, an affidavit of ownership, supplied by the Association is required. A burial permit issued by the funeral director or mortician, or a cremation certificate issued by the crematory, must be given to the Association at the time of interment. Permits are kept on file at the Association office.
5. **BURIAL OPTIONS**. **Traditional:** The casket must be enclosed in a concrete burial box or vault. The burial of two vaults (one on top of the other) is not allowed. A parent and child may be buried in one casket. **Natural or Hybrid Green:** The casket must be made of biodegradable material such as wicker, bamboo, wood or cardboard, and no embalming fluid is permitted. Lowering may be done by ropes with 4 or 6 pall bearers or a mechanical set up by a vault company. The opening will be dug by machines and an additional fee will be added to the interment fee to cover future maintenance costs. **Cremation Burials:** Cremains may be enclosed in a suitable non-perishable or biodegradable container. All interment fees must be paid at time of burial.
6. **DISINTERMENTS**. Written permission of the lot owner or the next of kin shall be filed with the Association, a permit from the City of Minneapolis health officer shall be secured and presented, and the required fees paid before any grave may be opened for any purpose. At least one week's notice must be given prior to any disinterment. This provision does not apply to cremated cremains or when disinterment is ordered by a duly authorized public authority.
7. **FLOWERS**. Individual urns, plant holders and in-ground vases are allowed but they must not protrude into walkways, alleys or neighboring graves. Plants in clay or plastic pots must be in plant stands. Owners are encouraged to remove plants for the winter. Plant stands and pots that have not been planted for an extended period will be removed. The Association will not be held responsible for loss or damage. Glass jars or tin cans of any kind are not allowed. The planting of flowers in the ground is not allowed. **Plastic flowers and decorations are not allowed on graves at any time. Any plastic or artificial decorations will be removed without prior notice and discarded.** Unsightly items include personal mementos, statues, shepherd hooks, wind socks, balloons, pinwheels, stuffed animals and food. Trees and shrubbery may be planted only with the express approval of the Board.
8. **WINTER WREATHS**. Fresh evergreen wreaths on wreath stands are permitted during the winter season. **Artificial wreaths are NOT permitted.** Families installing their own wreaths are requested to remove them

by spring cleanup (generally around mid- March) or when they become unsightly. Those not removed by spring cleanup will be removed by the caretakers.

9. **MARKERS.** Markers and Monuments must be of a non-corroding metal such as bronze, or granite. Upright Monuments are allowed as headstones. In-ground Markers must be installed flush with the surrounding turf. Monuments and Markers may not extend beyond the boundaries of an individual grave (or graves in the case of a double size Marker on more than one grave), and must be aligned with neighboring Markers. Double size Markers or Monuments are allowed only on two graves side by side. For a full size regular grave, up to two Markers are allowed, including veteran Markers. Only one Marker per grave may be an upright Monument. For a cremation lot, one flat Marker is allowed. If the person(s) are deceased, the marker must be installed after burial. Markers installed as a memorial without a burial shall be charged the cost of a cremation burial in addition to the standard location fee. It is the responsibility of the supplier to obtain data from the Cemetery as to the location and size of the grave. Markers with concrete borders furnished by the manufacturer in advance of installation in the cemetery are encouraged. A charge for marking the location will be made. Markers must be installed by an approved monument company. The cemetery is not responsible for damage to the cement border or the Marker or Monument due to vandalism, tree roots, uneven settling over time, acts of God, or any other cause.
10. **PERPETUAL CARE.** Perpetual care and cemetery upkeep is limited to keeping the grass mowed during the growing season and the roadways free of snow in the winter. Care of trees, fences, gates and general upkeep is also the responsibility of the Association. Care of individual planters and trimming around markers is the responsibility of the owners. Spring cleanup and restoration of winter graves starts about mid-March, depending upon the weather. Fall cleanup starts mid-October. Any plant stand removed by the caretakers will be stored in the shed area, and may be retrieved by the individual owner. Cemetery will not be responsible for any damage or loss.
11. **SPECIAL CASES.** Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardships. The Association reserves the right to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications of any of these rules and regulations, when in the judgment of the Association such action appears necessary. Such temporary exception, suspension or modification shall in no way be construed as affecting the general application of such rules and regulations.
12. **OMISSIONS AND ERRORS.** The Association shall have the right to correct any errors that may be made, or in the past have been made by it, in interments or disinterments or in the description or transfer of title to cemetery lots or to other property it may sell. If such conditions cannot be readily corrected, the Association shall have the right to cancel such conveyance and to substitute other property of equal value and similar location insofar as possible, or may at the sole discretion of the Association, refund all moneys paid.
13. **CHANGES.** The Association reserves the right to amend these rules and regulations in order to promote the general objectives and best interests of the cemetery, and is not required to give notice of such intended action. The Association also reserves the right to remove all monuments, markers, flowers, plants, trees, decorations or other similar objects without liability to the owner whenever any of these objects become unsafe or unsightly.

Association means Richfield Cemetery Association
Cemetery means Oak Hill Cemetery, Minneapolis

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