

MAPLE GROVE CEMETERY BYLAWS

Visitors are reminded that the Maple Grove Cemetery grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment of the dead and a strict observance of all that is proper in a place so dedicated will be required of persons entering the Cemetery.

- The Cemetery is open from sunup until sunset.
- All vehicles must not drive at a speed exceeding 15 mph.
- Drivers are requested not to drive or park on the grass.

Due to care and maintenance of the grounds:

- All ornamental items must be placed on the monument or foundation. One shepherds hook is allowed per grave, if in line of the foundation. The Town Council reserves the right to remove any items which become liter on any lots. This also applies to the removal of old flowers, plants or shrubberies that have not been maintained.
- Planting trees, shrubberies of any kind and flowers will no longer be allowed. Other items not allowed include but are not limited to aggregate, gravel, borders, bricks, glass, fencing, trellises, and artificial lawn or garden ornaments such as artificial animals, potteries, statues, etc.
- The Town Council shall have the right to remove any existing bushes, trees, flowers or such parts determined as inconvenient or hazardous to the groundskeeper.
- No pets running loose in the Cemetery.
- No alcoholic beverages in the Cemetery.
- Clean-up dates are April 15th and November 15th. Anything left after these two dates will be discarded without further notice.

Foundations & Memorials

All foundations for memorials shall be placed and constructed at the approval and instruction of the Town Council. No foundations/memorials will be constructed/installed on any grave or lot which has an unpaid balance due to the Cemetery. Only one foundation & one memorial per grave. All memorials must be on a foundation. The Town is no longer allowing the sale of graves in the "Old Section," however, any foundations being poured for spaces previously purchased in the Old Section will have a wash of four (4) inches around the monument. All foundations in the New Section will already have foundations poured. Any part of the New Section without foundations, does not currently have lots available for purchase.

Burial of Human Remains & Burial of Cremated Remains

- Burial Permits are required for all burials.
- Burial Vaults and Urn Vaults are required for all burials.

➤ Burial per grave is restricted to:

** 1 traditional (casket with vault) & or 1 cremation (urn vault)

** 2 cremations (2 urn vaults)

** 1 traditional (casket with vault) & 1 infant (casket/vault combo)

** 1 cremation (urn vault) & 1 infant (casket/vault combo)

Any burial (casket or cremains) must be directly supervised by a funeral director. All persons conducting a burial, shall follow all current applicable state statutes, in addition to all other applicable laws regarding any burial, grave opening or memorial service.

Scattering of Cremated Remains on Cemetery property will not be permitted. No exceptions.

- No mausoleums, columbarium, cremation benches or any other above ground burials may be constructed or erected without Town Council approval. No single grave monument width shall exceed thirty-six (36) inches or seventy-two (72) inches for a double grave monument providing the maximum height of the base/tablet combination does not exceed thirty (30) inches. A monument that is for three or more graves may not exceed ninety (90) inches without approval of the Town Council.
- No Sunday burials.
- Fees for opening and closing of any type of burial must be paid in advance before interment unless the service is conducted by an established funeral home that has included that fee as part of the service.
- The Town Council will designate who is allowed to open graves. No opening is allowed without the expressed permission of the Town Council.

The fee needed to record your deed information with the Marshall County Recorder's Office is included in the price of your cemetery space. The Argos Clerk's Office will be responsible for recording your deed prior to it being issued to you.

The Cemetery will take every reasonable precaution to protect all private property of lot and grave owners. The Town disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage arising from fire, theft, vandalism, windstorm, hail and frost, whether damage be direct or collateral.