

# Town of Sugar Hill Cemetery Rules and Regulations



The Cemetery Rules and Regulations have been established for the beautification and management of the cemeteries. It is the intent of these Rules and Regulations to maintain the cemeteries as dignified, peaceful and reverent places for the deceased.

The contents of this brochure highlight the regulations that pertain to visitors. For the complete Rules & Regulations please visit the Cemetery Committee's page on the Town of Sugar Hill website:

**[www.sugarhillnh.org](http://www.sugarhillnh.org)**

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The Trustees wish to maintain a quiet, contemplative atmosphere in the Cemetery. Any activity which distracts from this atmosphere or damages the property will not be allowed. Please note the following:

## Cemetery Access

- The cemeteries are open to the public seven days a week during daylight hours. No one is allowed to be on the grounds after sundown for any reason. The cemeteries are not maintained for public access during winter months.
- Domestic pets are allowed on a leash. Pet waste must be cleaned up and disposed of properly. No agricultural animals (e.g., horses, cows, sheep) are permitted.
- Vehicle speed limit is 10 miles per hour.
- Off-road vehicles and snowmobiles are prohibited.

## Personal Conduct

- All visitors are to conduct themselves in a respectful manner.
- The following are prohibited on cemetery properties:
  - Consuming alcoholic beverages
  - Picking any wild or cultivated plant
  - Posting signs, notices and/or advertisements
  - Gravestone rubbing (per RSA 289:22)
  - Discharging firearms or throwing rocks
- The cemeteries are Carry In, Carry Out – there are no public trash receptacles for pet waste, flowers or other debris.

## **Landscaping and Decorations**

- Planting trees and/or shrubs requires approval from the Sexton or Trustees.
- The Trustees reserve the right to trim or remove any plantings that infringe on adjacent lots, become hazardous or hinder maintenance.
- Flowers may be placed adjacent to a monument in a sturdy flower container. No glass containers are allowed. When flowers no longer appear respectful the family will remove the arrangement, or the Sexton may remove it.
- In-ground planting of flowers on lots with above-ground monuments is allowed. but is limited to an area one foot (1') in front of the monument.
- Artificial illumination, including (but not limited to) the use of solar devices or “eternal” candles, is not permitted.
- The placement of decorative items such as toys, ornaments, whirligigs, chairs, etc. or any item containing metal or breakable objects is not permitted.
- In addition to regular maintenance, widespread clean-up of the cemeteries occurs twice annually, generally in late April and early November. Items remaining on lots at this time are subject to disposal by the Trustees or the Sexton. In addition, neglected plantings will be trimmed or removed as necessary.

## **Monuments**

- Minimum standards and guidelines are outlined in the full Rules & Regulations on the Town website.
- Benches and other statuary are permissible only with prior approval from the Trustees. A written request including a description of the proposed bench/statuary must be submitted to the Trustees for consideration.
- The Trustees will provide markers for all who have served in the United States Armed Services. Please notify the Trustees of the veteran’s affiliation.

## **Burials**

- Current Sugar Hill residents and property owners are eligible to purchase lots. The application and fee schedule are available on the Town website.
- The Trustees reserve the right to offer lots within specific sections to facilitate management of the cemetery.
- All interments are arranged with the Sexton and are performed under his supervision.
- Lots are for human burials only. Pet cremains may be included with human interment if they are comingled in the same vessel.
- Scattering of ashes is not allowed anywhere in the cemeteries.