

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH CEMETERY REGULATIONS

HOURS FOR INTERMENT

The First Reformed Church Cemetery requires 48 hours' notice in advance of all burials

- Weekday – Hours of interment are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on weekdays.
- Saturday – Special arrangements may be made for burial on Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. After 11:30 a.m. additional charges will apply.
- Sunday – No burials on Sunday.
- Holiday – No burials on a Holiday.

CEMETERY REQUIREMENTS

- The use of a concrete vault is required.
- A maximum of six (6) floral pieces may be brought to the gravesite. Excess pieces will be disposed of.
- Concrete foundations are required for all monuments and veterans plaques.
- Concrete foundations will be put in from May 1st through November 15th, weather permitting.
- All concrete foundations must be put in by the Cemetery Contractor and must be paid for in advance.
- Standard stone monument sizes are:
Single grave 2' x 1'
Double grave 4' x 1'
Non standard sizes must be approved by the Cemetery Commission
- Up to four (4) ash urns may be interred in a gravesite that is already occupied.
- Ash urns may be interred in a grave that is not yet occupied provided the urn is capable of withstanding exhumation and reinterment.

NOTES

- It is the duty of the plot owner(s) to notify the Cemetery of any change of address. Notice sent to the plot owner(s) at the last address on file shall be considered enough and proper notice.
- In keeping with the religious and historic nature of the Cemetery, the appearance, size and wording on all monuments, gravestones, markers, plaques and etchings must be approved by the Cemetery Commission.

- The First Reformed Church Cemetery is not responsible for damage to monuments or other structures or trespass of any kind.
- All plots will be maintained by the Cemetery Contractor ONLY. No other contractors or landscapers may perform work at the Cemetery.
- The Cemetery Contractor will add topsoil and plant grass seed on new graves at an appropriate time once the ground has settled.

***CEMETERY PLOTS MAY NOT BE SOLD OR TRANSFERRED
TO A THIRD PARTY***

***CEMETERY PLOTS MAY BE SOLD BACK TO THE CEMETERY WITH
PROOF OF PURCHASE (ORIGINAL DEED) FOR THE ORIGINAL
PURCHASE PRICE, NOT INCLUDING PERPETUAL CARE, LESS AN
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE***

CEMETERY RULES

The Cemetery is open every day from 8 a.m. until dusk. Anyone entering at other times will be considered trespassing and subject to arrest by authorities.

American flags are permitted from Memorial Day to July 4 and four weeks in November ending on Thanksgiving Day. Only American flags and flags of police, fire and first aid squad members are permitted.

Annuals may be planted by the lot owner only within one foot of the front and sides of the gravestone within the plot. Potted plants are also permitted. No shrubs, trees, perennial plants or hanging plants are permitted. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove any plantings which interfere with interments or adjacent lots, or which have become overgrown and unsightly.

Benches, urns, settees and additions similarly inconsistent with the proper keeping of the grounds are not permitted. Similarly, perpetual lights and all other lights, candles, balloons, hangers, hooks, wind chimes, pictures, birdhouses, stones, pennies, notecards, statues, trinkets, toys and similar items are not permitted and will be removed. Small toys, trinkets and other memorabilia will be permitted for one year after the death of a child 18 years or younger.

Fences, hedges, coping, curbing or other borders around lots are not permitted.

Wreaths, grave covers and the like may be placed on graves for holidays such as Easter, Memorial Day and Christmas. Only decorations attached to a solid backing may be used. Decorations are to be fastened to the gravestone, not to the ground with metal anchors. The

anchors freeze in the ground and make mowing in the spring dangerous. The tributes will be removed when they become unsightly. Christmas decorations will be removed after Epiphany. Owners who wish to keep any of the decorations should remove them by then.