

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Usage of a Grave?

- **Capacity:** A single depth grave can accommodate either one casket and one urn or three urns.
- **Cremation Only Graves:** Dedicated cremation plots accommodate up to three urns.
- **Policy:** Please note that Rockland Cemetery does not offer or sell double depth graves.

What are the Monument Regulations?

- **Dimensions:** Monuments must not exceed 12 inches from the head of the grave and must not exceed 42 inches in total height (including the base and die).
- **Approval:** All markers must be sourced from a reputable monument company and require formal approval from the Cemetery Office. A monument permit with details can be found at our website.
- **Section Specifics:** Certain areas are restricted to flat burial markers. This requirement will be confirmed at the time of purchase.
- **Benches:** A bench may be installed at the head of a grave in lieu of a traditional monument, subject to Office approval. Benches are prohibited at the foot of a grave. Decorations, flowers, and mulch are not permitted around or under benches.

What are the Rules Regarding Memorabilia and Decorations?

- **General Limits:** To ensure safety and maintenance, statues, candles, and flags are limited to one per grave. Excessive memorabilia are prohibited.
- **Safety & Maintenance** Should it be determined that said memorabilia, statues, candles, flags, etc. have become detrimental to adjacent plots or avenues or inconvenient for visitors or maintenance, it shall have full authority and right to remove them.
- **Artificial Flowers:** Silk flowers are permitted year-round only if placed in granite vases permanently affixed to the monument. All other artificial flowers are allowed only from November 15 to May 1. These will be removed and disposed of on May 2 unless prior arrangements are made with the Office.

What are the Rules Regarding Flags?

- **Placement:** One American flag is permitted at the head of the grave (in addition to one authorized organization flag).
- **Schedule:** Flags are permitted from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. All flags must be removed and properly disposed of within one week following Veterans Day.

Does the Cemetery Permit Open Flames or Burning?

- **Strict Prohibition:** For the safety of our grounds and visitors, no candles, open flames, or burning of any kind is permitted. Only artificial, flameless lights (solar or battery-powered) are allowed.
- **Penalty:** A \$250.00 fine per violation will be imposed on the plot owner for non-compliance.

Are Plot Owners Permitted to Plant Shrubs or Flowers?

- **Flower Beds:** Planting is permitted only within 12 inches of the front of the monument and cannot exceed 24 inches from the head of the plot.
- **Restrictions:** Enclosures made of stone, brick, granite, or rock are strictly prohibited.
- **Trees & Shrubs:** Plot owners are not permitted to plant or grow trees or shrubs of any kind.

What Happens to Items Left Unattended at the Gravesite?

- **Liability:** All items left at a gravesite are placed at the owner's/visitor's risk. Rockland Cemetery is not responsible for the loss or damage of any objects left on cemetery property. Rockland Cemetery reserves the right to remove any item(s) considered in its sole judgement inappropriate.



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