



TOWN OF EDGARTOWN  
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### **Edgartown Cemetery Regulations**

#### **PURCHASE OF BURIAL PLOTS**

1. Only Edgartown residents and or taxpayers may purchase a lot. At the time of lot purchase, the residents name must appear on the town's registered voters or taxpayers list. One lot may be purchased per family.
2. Private sales of cemetery lots are prohibited. Lot owners must sell the lot back to the Town of Edgartown for the original purchase price. The Town of Edgartown will resell the lot at the prevailing price.
3. A lot purchaser acquires only the right to burial and is subject to the regulations of the cemetery. The purchaser does not retain the title to the land.
4. A full grave lot consists of four grave plots.

A full lot (10' x 20') has four burial plots. The cost of a full lot is \$2800.00  
A half lot (10' x 10') has two burial plots. The cost of a half lot is \$1400.00

5. Each burial plot may contain one casket or six cremation urns. Caskets are not double stacked.
6. A cremation lot (4' x 4') may accommodate two urns. The cost of a cremation lot is \$250.00

#### **BURIALS**

7. All cemetery lots must be paid for at the time of purchase. No interment or inurnments will be made until the lot is paid in full.
8. All interments shall be in a permanent container such as cement or bronze vaults or in a concrete sectional vault.
9. All interments or inurnments and removals are made subject to orders and laws of properly constituted authorities of Town, County and State.
10. Cemetery officials shall be notified prior to interments or inurnments.
11. Once a casket or urn is interred within the cemetery no one shall be permitted to exhume it without a court order.
12. No interment or inurnment shall be made in any lot other than the family of the lot owner unless written permission is furnished by the surviving heirs.

#### MONUMENTS, PLANTINGS

13. It is the duty of the lot owners to notify cemetery officials of any change of address.
14. Under current cemetery regulations, a full lot can contain up to 24 burials (4 caskets or 24 urns). It is therefore recommended that the original owners appoint a designated signer among their heirs who will be in charge of who can be buried in the lot. When appropriate that person can appoint one or more person in the third generation to take over as designated signer. This process can be repeated as necessary through subsequent generations.

In the absence of a designated signer, two members of the senior generation must sign an interment order for anyone to be interred in the lot (Spouses and members of subsequent generations are not authorized to sign an interment order.)

If the original owners do not appoint a designated signer, the current senior generation may select a designated signer. To do so, every member of their generation must notify the Cemetery Office in writing that they accept the person selected as the designated signer.

15. No granite or concrete curbing or mounding of individual lots shall be permitted in any town cemetery.
16. Flat gravestones and corner bounds shall be level with the present grade in all town cemeteries.

17. All monuments shall be set on four foot deep concrete foundations in all cemeteries, and all markers at a minimum of two feet deep foundations.
18. No work or plantings shall be done in the town cemeteries without the permission of the Commissioners. Certain plantings are not permitted. Please see Administrative Assistant for details.
19. Permanent irrigation systems are not allowed in town cemeteries.
20. The Edgartown Cemetery Department has authority to remove from lots all articles and plantings placed which do not conform to the standards maintained.
21. The Cemetery Commissioners are empowered to enforce all regulations. They shall have supervision and control of all persons in the Town of Edgartown Cemeteries, including the conduct of funerals and traffic.
22. The Town of Edgartown disclaims responsibility for any damage or injury to any monument or markers in any of the town cemeteries.