

GREEN TOWNSHIP CEMETERIES RULES & REGULATIONS (Amended March 12, 2024)

Green Township, Alpena County Michigan administers two Township Cemeteries, Oak Grove (Spratt) and Greely Cemetery within its jurisdiction. The Township has adopted rules and regulations for these cemeteries to provide maximum protection to burial space and best insure and preserve the beauty, orderly development, and care of the cemeteries. The Township reserves the right to make such changes or alterations of the rules and regulations as may from time to time be deemed necessary. These rules and regulations contained herein are subject to any and all ordinances of the Township, before, now, or hereafter placed in effect. Persons buying cemetery lots are buying human burial rights only.

DEFINITIONS:

Cemetery Plot--Lot--The term cemetery lot, plot, is an area of sufficient size to accommodate an interment.

Immediate Family--The immediate family is described as follows: Spouse, child, parent, grandparent, grandchild, or the original lot owner. The term is also to include "great" to the above where applicable.

(A) Old Section:

Spratt: A cemetery plot shall consist of eight (8) lots each 4 ft x 8 ft with each space to accommodate one burial.

Greely: A cemetery plot shall consist of four (4) lots each 4 ft x 12 ft with each space to accommodate one burial (some vary in size on outer edges)

Spratt: New Section: A cemetery lot shall consist of one 4 ft x 10 ft burial space to accommodate one burial.

Greely: New Section: A cemetery lot shall consist of one 4 ft x 10 ft (set up 2 lots # A&B) accommodate one burial per lot.

(B) Cremations: Two cremations allowed per lot in the old or new section of the cemetery.

LOT TRANSFERING:

1. Every burial space is sold subject to the rules and regulations now in force or that may be hereinafter adopted and to such changes of the past or present rules as deemed necessary by the cemeteries record keeper.
2. All transfers of burial rights shall be made through the cemetery office. No other transfers of ownership or rights thereto will be recognized by the cemetery record keeper.
3. Burial lots, plots may revert back to the Township if left unclaimed for a period of fifty (50) years.
4. Mausoleums and crypts are prohibited in Green Township Cemetery

INTERMENTS:

1. The cost per lot for Residents is \$250.00, Non-Residents is \$500.00
2. No burial shall take place unless the lot price has been paid in full.
3. All adult and child burials shall be in steel or concrete receptacles or vaults.
4. Cremation remains shall be placed in a container that is approved by the Cemetery Sexton, and must be buried completely beneath the surface of the ground.
5. Scattering of remains over a family lot or anywhere in the cemetery is prohibited.
6. Green Township shall not be responsible for errors in location of burial space arising from improper instructions from the burial space owner. Orders from funeral directors shall be construed as orders from owners.
7. Graves cannot be opened for inspection except by court order.

LOT CARE, MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENTS:

1. The Township or contractor employed by the Township, reserves the right to remove and dispose of without notice to the owner, any unsightly, deteriorated neglected or prohibited items.
2. Planting on cemetery graves or lots shall be permitted only under direction of cemetery supervision.
3. No hedge planting shall be permitted, wood chips, trees, nor use of fences.
4. The use of glass jars or bottles as receptacles for flowers is prohibited..
5. The Township shall not be financially responsible for any damage to lots, structures, objects, flowers or articles removed from any lot or grave.
6. Summer grave decorations may remain on grave sites from May 1st to October 15th of each year. Winter decorations may remain of grave site from October 21st to April 25th.
7. **PLEASE** Do not dispose of unsightly floral arrangements at the cemetery. Take them home with you. It is not a dumping ground. If you are found doing so, you will be contacted by the local police department and fined for it.
8. No alcohol shall be consumed on the premises nor motorized vehicles driven in the cemetery except on roadways in cemetery.