

Mount Vernon Cemetery

Rules & Regulations

2023



HOLBROOK CHAPEL

Mount Vernon Cemetery

Town of West Boylston, Massachusetts

Decoration of Graves at Monuments

- Monument planting/decoration area allotment: an area of 12 inches from the front of the monument by the width of the monument is allowed. Plants/decorations are not allowed on either side or behind monuments.
- Flat marker planting/decoration allotment: a single potted plant or decoration may be placed *on top* of a flat marker. Decorations cannot be longer or wider than the marker. In ground planting/decoration is **not** allowed.
- Potted flowers, in ground *annual* plants and decorations may be placed directly in front of the monument at the start of the Memorial Day period.
- The planting of trees, bushes, shrubs and perennial flowers is **not** allowed.
- Fencing or edging of any kind is **not** allowed.
- Decorations/plantings should not exceed the height of the monument.
- Decorations should not be so many in number that they create excess clutter.
- Winter Decorations are to be removed by April 1st or earlier. Summer Decorations are to be removed by October 1st or earlier.

Decorations that become unsightly or are not in compliance to these rules will be removed by the Cemetery personnel without notice. Decorations removed that have value will be stored no longer than one month. Inquiries of removed items may be directed to the Cemetery Foreman.

The cemetery assumes no responsibility for loss or damage of decorations.

Dogs are permitted on a leash and expected that they are cleaned up after. Dogs are expected to remain on the pavement.

Visitors are expected to act appropriately with respect and reverence within the cemetery property.

These rules are in place to help reduce maintenance costs and create an attractive final resting place for your loved ones. These rules super cede all previous rules and regulations. Cooperation and compliance are expected by all lot owners all lot owners and visitors.

Approved by:

Mount Vernon Cemetery- Board of Trustees

Burial Plots

- Lots are available for purchase to current West Boylston residents as a single or as multiple graves according to rules governing various areas. Past residents of West Boylston must submit a request to Cemetery Trustees for approval of the purchase of lots.
- West Boylston residents may purchase up to four graves for themselves and direct descendants. Requests to purchase more than four graves must be approved by Cemetery Trustees. A lot owner with multiple graves must submit written documentation to the cemetery describing who shall be allowed interment rights in specific grave spaces.
- Roadside lot purchases are limited to no more than two graves/one lot per family including direct descendants.
- Owners will be issued a Deed by the Cemetery Trustees. This deed grants the right of burial only. Owners of lots may not convey burial rights to family members without written approval from Cemetery Trustees.
- Deeds **cannot** be willed.
- All lot owners agree they **will not** exchange grave space for money however, they may request **only** Mount Vernon Cemetery to buy back unused graves, or transfer ownership

Monuments

- A single grave may be used for one full burial **or** may contain up to four cremains. Single graves are 4' x 10'. Monument dimensions cannot exceed 24" W x 14" D x 28" H. Flat markers cannot exceed 12" x 24". *Includes Drown's Hill graves.
- Monuments for two graves cannot not exceed a base of 36" W x 14" D x 32" H. Flat markers cannot exceed 14" x 36".
- Monuments for three graves cannot exceed 42" W x 14" D x 34" H. Flat markers cannot exceed 14" x 42".
- Monuments for four graves or more in width cannot exceed 48" W x 14" D x 36" H.
- Placement of all monuments will be at the discretion of the Cemetery Foreman. Monument companies must submit a drawing, showing all dimensions and make arrangements with the Cemetery Foreman for construction of footing for the monument.
- All monies owed for the Sale of lots and Perpetual Care must be paid prior to construction of footings.

Burials

- No burials on Sunday. Notice of at least 3 business days should be given to the Cemetery Foreman in order to open a grave. Winter burials will be performed at the discretion of the Cemetery Foreman.
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- Use of Holbrook Chapel for committal services is available upon request, at no charge. All Human remains must be placed in cement vaults, including cremains. Lowering devices, greens, and tents are NOT provided by the cemetery