

Cemetery Regulations
Lempster, N.H.

1. The Town of Lempster provides a cemetery for current and former residents and property owners of the town and their immediate families.
2. The purchase of a cemetery lot authorizes the purchaser the right to bury remains within the lot boundaries. No other rights are granted except as explicitly stated in these rules. Title to the real estate remains with the town.
3. The new lots in the Lempster Cemetery are at a minimum 3.5 feet by 10 feet for full burial and 3.5 feet by 2 feet for cremation lots in designated places. The Selectmen will set the price for the sale of the lots. These are non-transferable but may be sold back to the town for the original sale price. This price will only cover the care of the lot and not the markers or monuments. The Cemetery Trustees shall determine each new lot's location. It is recommended that one to four lot corner flush markers are put in place, following lot purchase.
4. All persons, vehicles and funerals within the cemeteries are subject to the control and order of the Cemetery Trustees.
5. Two working days notice must be given for the opening of lots for interments. Working days will be considered to be Monday-Friday (excepting holidays) from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. All fees will be set by the Selectmen and reviewed yearly with all changes taking effect on June 1.
6. There will be no openings for interments on Sundays or holidays.
7. Burials will be from May 1 through October 31. From November 1 to April 30 burials will depend on weather and ground conditions.
8. All full-body burials shall be enclosed in a concrete or metal vault, or cemetery grave liner, except where the container measures 30" (thirty inches) in length or less. Upon request, any vault may be installed upside down, without a cover.
9. The cemetery grounds will be open during daylight hours only.
10. Only town employees or those authorized by the Cemetery Trustees will be allowed to do work in the cemetery. For non-perpetual care lots, request for care by families may require a charge for materials and labor.
11. No planting of trees, shrubs, or bushes will be permitted. Anything other than floral decorations or wreaths must be cleared through the Cemetery Trustees.

12. The Cemetery Trustees have the authority to remove any tree, shrub or bush, in addition to all floral designs and items, as soon as, in their judgment, they become unsightly, dangerous, detrimental, diseased, or they do not conform to the standards maintained by the Cemetery.

13. Monuments, including military veteran's stones, must be installed professionally, on a suitable foundation, with placement approved by the Cemetery Trustees. All monuments must fit within the parameters of the lot and must conform to applicable size restrictions.

14. One upright monument, with no part of the stone exceeding a 32" wide span, is permitted on any full-sized lot,

15. On two grave lots, an upright monument with no part of the stone exceeding a 48" wide span is permitted.

16. Designated 3.5' x 2' cremation lots are allowed flush markers only not exceeding 32" x 12".

17. Unless otherwise approved, no stone shall exceed 42" in height.

18. Additional cremation burials are permitted in existing lots, with the consent of the Cemetery Trustees, as space allows. Additional monuments for cremation burials on lots that already have upright monuments shall be permitted only if they fit on the existing lot, are flush, and allow sufficient space for maintenance of the lot and adjoining lots. Any additional monuments on lots with existing monuments must be approved in advance by the Trustees.

19. No monument or other structure on a lot above ground shall be constructed of any other material than cut marble, granite, natural stone, or bronze. Any military-issue markers within the allowed dimensional limits shall be permitted.

20. A bench-style monument or memorial bench will only be allowed in lieu of an upright monument, and must conform to all monument size restrictions and other requirements. All benches shall be on a concrete foundation and anchored to the pad. The seat portion must be anchored to the legs. Bench-style monuments must be approved in advance by the Trustees.

21. Before any installation or work is done in the cemetery, the Cemetery Trustees must be notified.

22. To protect and promote the best interest of the cemetery, the Cemetery Trustees are authorized to make temporary additional rules which may be needed from time to time to manage emergencies or unanticipated issues, which are not covered by these Regulations.