



These rules & regulations have been reviewed and approved by the
New York State Division of Cemeteries, working for the Cemetery Board.

2025 Lot Rules & Regulations

Effective April 2025

Lot Requirements

1. All lots are held pursuant to the provisions of the statute incorporating the Association, Libre 1841, Chapter 115, An Act to Incorporate Albany Cemetery Association, and acts in amendment thereto. They shall be used for no other purpose than the burial of the dead.
2. All lot ornamentation requires approval of the General Manager.
3. All lot ornamentation must be placed at the head of the grave near the monument.
4. All ornamentation placed on a lot is placed there at the lot owner's risk and the cemetery is not responsible for damage done to monuments, markers, etc.
5. Lot owners are responsible for the upkeep of their monuments.
6. All flowers and decorations will be removed from all lots during our Spring/Fall cleanup.
 - a. Spring Cleanup begins April 15th and will last approximately two weeks.
 - b. Fall Cleanup begins October 15th and will last approximately two weeks.
7. Lot ornamentation to be saved shall be removed prior to cleanup(s).
8. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths, and other ornamentation from lots as soon as they become unsightly.
9. All shrub and tree plantings require approval of the General Manager.

Improvements & Memorials to Lots

1. Improvements, alterations, or changes to lots are subject to the approval of the General Manager. Anyone wishing to do work on lots or single graves must obtain written permission from the General Manager prior to work commencing. This authorization must be kept at the work location and shown upon request.
2. Subject to the approval of the General Manager, lot owners may erect monuments and markers and may cultivate trees, shrubs and plants on their lots following submission and approval of site plans and species of vegetation.
3. A monument, structure, ornamentation, inscription, or anything else, which the Cemetery shall deem offensive, improper, or objectionable, shall not be placed or permitted to remain on a lot or a single grave.

4. If the General Manager approves, a lot owner at their own expense may remove a tree, shrub or plant from their own lot upon due notice.
5. If a tree, shrub, or plant becomes detrimental to an adjacent lot, path, or roadway, or becomes unsightly or interferes with an interment, the Cemetery may remove it or a part thereof with little to no notice.
6. All monuments and vaults shall be set on concrete foundations not less than 4 feet in depth. Monument foundations shall be provided by Cemetery staff or their designated contractor.
7. A marker is a one-piece stone and a headstone is a two-piece stone. All markers and headstones shall be set on concrete foundations not less than 4 feet in depth. Foundations and the excavations for them shall be provided by the Cemetery or their designated contractor.
8. All corner posts shall be one piece quarry cut stone and shall be set not less than 2 feet 6 inches in the ground. The tops shall be level with the ground. The lot number shall be engraved on one post. Corner posts shall be installed by the monument company and charged to the lot owner.
9. A vault shall not be erected in the Cemetery unless and until its design and location have been approved by the Cemetery. A building permit shall be obtained from the Town of Colonie before construction commences. A vault shall bear on a poured concrete foundation. The portion of such vault that is above ground shall be faced with quarry cut granite, marble, or other approved stone. Manufactured brick or block shall not be used in the construction. Metal parts shall be limited to stainless steel or bronze.
10. Benches may be placed on your lot or placed throughout the cemetery. Benches shall be made of quarry cut granite, stainless steel, or powder coated steel or aluminum; benches of any other materials are prohibited in the Cemetery and may be removed at the discretion of the General Manager. Prior to installation anywhere on the Cemetery property, a design or photo must be submitted to the cemetery for approval. If approved the bench shall be secured to a concrete pad of which a fee will be charged by the Cemetery. The concrete pad shall extend out 1 foot on the sides and back and 2 feet on the front side to allow the Cemetery staff to safely mow and trim around the bench.
11. Steps leading to a lot may be built with the approval of the Cemetery. Such steps shall be concrete or solid cut stone with side pieces and shall be set upon a concrete foundation not less than 4 feet in depth.
12. Florists, gardeners, or other persons employed by lot owners for work on their lots, shall remove all rubbish, excavated earth, other materials or implements, otherwise they will be removed the Cemetery and the lot owner charged for such removal.
13. Floral arrangements accompanying the casket or urn at the time of burial will be placed on the completed grave. Natural cut flowers may be placed on graves at any time of the year. They will be removed when they become unsightly or when it becomes necessary to facilitate cemetery operations such as mowing. The Floral pick up is the second and fourth Tuesday of each month.

14. Potted plants of any size and permanent vases are not permitted.
15. Artificial flowers are permitted on gravesites from the third week in October through the third week in April and the 10-day period before and after Easter and are subject to floral pickups when they become unsightly or prohibit facilitation of cemetery operations.
16. Christmas Wreaths, other seasonal arrangements may be placed on graves beginning December 1 and will be picked up by January 20 (weather conditions permitting).
17. Permanent plantings, statues, vigil lights, attachments to markers/headstones, flag holders, flags, breakable objects and similar items are not permitted on the graves. The Albany Rural Cemetery does not permit adornments that are considered offensive, inconsistent with the dignity of the cemetery or considered hazardous to cemetery personnel. For example, items incorporating beads or wires may become entangled in mowers or other equipment and cause injury