

CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS  
OF  
AUSTINTOWN TOWNSHIP

1. The deed to a lot conveys only the right of burial therein. The Township retains control and supervision of all lots which have been sold; and it will be the duty of the Township to prohibit, modify or remove any structure, object or adornment on such lot which may have been placed thereon in violation of the rules or which may be considered objectionable or injurious to the lot or adjoining lots or to the general appearance of the cemetery.
2. Permanent plantings of trees and shrubs will be made by the Township prior to a section being offered for sale. No new trees or shrubs will be permitted. Trees or shrubs planted by family members will be removed.
3. The Township is responsible for maintaining, as may be practical, the planting of trees and shrubs which serve as a background to preserve the landscape features as planned. The Township is not responsible for maintaining plantings on individual lots.
4. The Township does NOT allow the planting of flowers. Both real and artificial flowers are permitted only in cemetery vases and only at the head of the graves or attached to the headstone. Christmas decorations are permitted between December 1 and February 1. For Easter, Mother's Day, Father's Day, July 4th, and November 11th (Veteran's Day), decorations are permitted one week before to one week after the Holiday.
5. If any tree or shrub standing on any lot shall, by means of its roots, branches or otherwise become detrimental, dangerous, or inconvenient to adjacent lots or walkways, or if it should become unsightly, the Township shall have the right to remove such tree or shrub or any part thereof they deem necessary.
6. No obstructions will be permitted on any lots that will hinder the cemetery maintenance. No enclosures of any nature, such as fences, hedges, ditches, railings, or curbing, of any kind will be permitted around or upon any lot.
7. All foundations for headstones and monuments shall be built by the Township.
8. Once earth settlement has occurred on new graves, flowers will be removed at the discretion of the Township and the grave will be filled, sodded, or seeded.
9. A general clean-up of the grounds will take place around March 15th.
10. A fall cleanup will occur around October 1st.

Cemetery Rules and Regulations shall be in force up to and including all applicable references of the Ohio Revised Code - Chapter 517 Cemeteries.

Approved and Adopted by the Austintown Township Board of Trustees this 9th day of January 2023.