

Deerfield, New Hampshire Cemeteries - Rules and Regulations

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It is for the mutual protection and benefit of lot owners, the Deerfield Cemetery Trustees (hereinafter "Trustees"), the Town of Deerfield (hereinafter "Town"), and each cemetery as a unit that the following Rules and Regulations have been adopted.

Lot owners, visitors, and those contracted to work within the cemeteries will be expected to abide by these regulations, which are intended to assist in maintaining these cemeteries as a peaceful, dignified, safe, and beautiful area as well as a reverent symbol of respect for the dead and a valuable link to the heritage of our community.

- The consumption of alcohol within the cemeteries is strictly prohibited.
- Loitering within the cemeteries is strictly prohibited.
- Pets are not permitted in Deerfield cemeteries.
- All off-road vehicles (including snowmobiles and other recreational vehicles) are prohibited from the cemeteries. Emergency vehicles are exempt from this rule.
- Littering is prohibited. Trash and planting debris are to be removed immediately.
- The cemeteries will be open to visitors at sunrise and will be closed at sunset. Visitors will not be allowed upon the grounds after sunset, except by permission of the Trustees. Anyone seen in the cemeteries after dark will be subject to police investigation.
- No vehicles, except maintenance or others involved in lot preparation or restoration under direction of the Trustees or their agent, shall be ridden or driven in any part of the cemeteries except upon the roadways designated for that purpose, nor at speeds faster than 10 miles per hour.
- Children under fifteen (15) years of age must be accompanied by an adult.
- No person shall gather flowers, either wild or cultivated, on the premises; or remove, cut, break, or mark any tree, shrub or plant; or mark upon, deface, or injure any memorial or any other structure on the grounds.
- All owners are encouraged to use only live plantings, including annual or perennial flowers. Shrubbery and trees are not permitted and will be removed at the discretion of the Trustees.
- Any and all artificial material may be removed from the lot at any time. Unless removed by the lot owner, all artificial material will be removed by Memorial Day.
- Firearms shall not be discharged in the cemeteries, except for salutes at military funerals, Memorial Day ceremonies, or by direction of the Trustees. Fireworks are strictly prohibited.
- Hunting and trapping are not allowed in the cemeteries.
- No signs or notices or advertisements of any kind shall be allowed in the cemeteries unless placed by the Trustees or their designee.
- Gravestone rubbing is prohibited by state law except by special permission of the Trustees.

- In the event of a violation of these Rules and Regulations, the Trustees are authorized to take necessary and appropriate corrective action. Furthermore, the Town of Deerfield is authorized to hold the party or parties responsible for said violation and financially accountable for any and all costs, expenses and charges associated therewith.
- It is the aim of the Trustees to provide the highest possible standard of cemetery maintenance within the finances available. Should you have any questions or concerns regarding any aspect of these functions, they can be addressed by the Cemetery Trustees during a normal Trustees meeting.