

**RULES & REGULATIONS
OF THE
TOWN OF RHINEBECK MUNICIPAL CEMETERY**
(approved by resolution 2014098 March 10, 2014)

GENERAL

1. All lots in the Town of Rhinebeck Municipal Cemetery are sold in accordance with the provisions of the Laws of the State of New York and shall not be used for any other purposes than as a burial place for dead human beings.
2. The following information must be provided to the cemetery with plot purchase:
 - a. Name of purchaser
 - b. Address
 - c. Phone number
 - d. Email
 - e. Alternate contact person
3. The following information must be supplied to the cemetery prior to any interment:
 - a. Name of deceased
 - b. Name of informant
 - c. Place of birth, if known
 - d. Date of Birth, if known
 - e. Date of Death
 - f. Time and Date of Interment
 - g. If not an adult, names of parent(s) or legal guardian(s) of deceased
4. All lot owners are required to notify the Cemetery of any change in address. All notices required to be sent shall be sent to the last known recorded address and such notice shall be deemed adequate.
5. Lot owners are prohibited from allowing interment to be made on their lots for compensation
6. Resale by lot owner. Before any burial shall have been made in such lot, plot or part thereof, or, if all the bodies therein have been lawfully removed, the lot owner may sell or convey such a lot, plot or part thereof subject to the prior notice to and approval by the Town of Rhinebeck Cemetery. The Town of Rhinebeck Cemetery reserves the right of first refusal for the purchase of any resold plot or part thereof. If plot is not sold back to the cemetery, new purchaser must supply required information to Town of Rhinebeck Cemetery.
7. Interments in a lot are restricted to those entitled to burial therein.
8. The full purchase price must be paid before the deed will be given or a burial allowed on the lot.
9. All work done in the cemetery, including foundations, shall be done by cemetery employees or under the control and or supervision of the Cemetery Custodian.
10. Heavy trucking or other vehicular traffic shall be refused entrance to the cemetery when, in the opinion of the custodian, injury to roads and driveways might result.
11. No monument shall be delivered or left at the cemetery without prior notice to the custodian and shall be left in an approved location.

CONVENTIONAL BURIAL

1. Placing of glass blocks or vases as receptacles for flowers, whether artificial or grown, on graves or plots is prohibited.
2. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove all flowers, wreaths, or other decorations from lots as soon as they become unsightly.
3. The cemetery reserves the right to remove, after due public notice to the lot owner, any embellishment on the lot, effigy, or inscription that is unsightly or dangerous.
4. No shrubs, perennials, bushes, evergreens, or other trees shall be planted or grown on a plot. Flowers or annuals are permitted provided that they are placed only at the head of a grave and within 18 inches of the monument/stone. The cemetery reserves the right to remove any plantings in violation of this rule.
5. Concrete vaults or concrete grave liners will be required for interments in all graves, except cremation.
6. All monuments are restricted in size to dimensions that will not cover more than 20% of the surface area of the lot. Every monument shall be at least four inches in thickness. The bases of all monuments shall be finished true and level so as to fit on foundations without wedging or sprawls.
7. Mausoleum size will not exceed two-body capacity.

NATURAL BURIAL

1. The natural designated portion of the Town of Rhinebeck's Cemetery is reserved for burial that does not use a vault (partial, inverted, or otherwise), a vault lid, concrete box, slab or partitioned liner.
2. Decedents are not to have been embalmed.
3. Burial containers are to be limited to those made from materials that are nontoxic/nonhazardous and natural/plant derived, with shrouds permissible (i.e. untreated softwoods, wool, fiber, cloth, cardboard, seagrass, bamboo, wicker, hemp, paper mache)
4. Shrouded bodies shall be handled only by Funeral Director and/or funeral personnel and not cemetery personnel. Shrouded bodies must be entirely wrapped head to toe and be supported on a solid board for lowering. A minimum 1x8-inch board (the same length as the body) is usually suitable. Plywood and particle support boards are not acceptable.
5. No pesticides allowed.
6. Living existing trees will be left in place. Any open area will be brush hogged twice year. Pathways will be mowed.
7. All graves will be mounded and mulched and allowed to return to their natural state.
8. Grave markers are not required. Engraved flat natural fieldstone or quarried stone, no more than 400 inches square and 3 inches thick and indigenous to the Hudson

Valley may be used as a marker. The stone must be flush to the ground. Stones may not be machine cut or polished.

9. Graves will also be marked on a survey map.
10. All graves will be opened (machine dug) by the cemetery operator. Family members cannot dig graves.
11. Only one full body allowed per gravesite. Cremation burial may be included.
12. No plantings of any kind allowed. No artificial flowers or other decorations may be placed on graves. Natural wreaths and flowers are fine. No vases. Wreaths must be removed by May 15th.
13. There shall be a 50' perimeter buffer zone.
14. There will be a designated scatter garden.
15. The size of each standard gravesite will be 5x10. The size of each cremains gravesite will be 5x5.