

Penfield Township Cemetery

(Effective April 1, 2019 R3)

General Rules and Regulations:

1. No more than two decorative arrangements per grave site. Only cut, potted or artificial flowers are permitted.
2. No enclosure or permanent planting of any type will be permitted. No lawn ornaments, statues, or edging is allowed.
3. Penfield Township accepts no responsibility for items left at the gravesite.
4. One shepherd's hook (or similar metal frame) per gravesite is permitted when placed directly behind the monument.
5. All flowers and decorations must be placed close to the markers.
6. All ground decorations will be removed by March 1st for winter decorations and October 15th for summer decorations.
7. Cemetery hours are dawn to dusk.
8. Planting of shrubs and trees on cemetery lots is not permitted.
9. Placing of stones or marble chips around markers is not permitted.
10. The maximum size of a marker base for a single grave marker is 30 inches in length and 12 inches in width. The maximum size of a marker base for a double marker is 48 inches in length and 12 inches in width.

Additional regulations for areas with continuous footers:

1. All flowers and decorations must be placed on the footers during mowing season (April 1st to November 1st).
2. No shepherd's hooks (or similar metal frames) are permitted in this area.

Additional information:

The Township reserves the right to:

1. Enlarge, reduce, replot, or change the boundaries or grading of any feature of the cemetery, including drives, walks, or any part thereof.
2. Use cemetery property not sold to individual plot owners for cemetery purposes, including interment of the dead, or for anything necessary, incidental, or convenient thereto.
3. Perpetual right and control of ingress and egress over lots for the purpose of passing to and from other lots.
4. Remove any items in violation of these rules.

If the owner of a cemetery lot requests a transfer of a lot from one section of Penfield Township Cemetery to another section of Penfield Township Cemetery, a Lot Transfer fee shall be paid by the owner to cover the cost of the transfer. If an increase in the sale price has been made since the original lot was purchased, the owner shall be required to pay the difference from the original lot price and the current lot price.

The Township reserves the right, at its option, to temporarily suspend or modify any rule or regulation and such temporary suspension or modification shall not be construed as affecting the general application and enforcement of such rules.

In cremation burials, urns are permitted to be placed in the lot area occupied by a casket burial. A maximum of four cremations are allowed per lot. The Township will determine where the urn is to be placed on the lot. If a second headstone is requested, the style and location must be approved by the Trustees.

The interment of two bodies in one grave is not permitted, except in the case of mother and infant or twin children, or two children buried at the same time. Only one casket is permitted per grave site. The use of surface burial vaults is prohibited. Graves will be re-opened for inspection only for investigation.

No lot shall be used for any other purpose than for the burial of the human dead.

For purposes of lot purchase price, a "Resident" is someone who resides within the township limits or who did prior to moving to a nursing home or other care facility before dying. Lots purchased by a current resident for their relatives residing outside of the township limits will be charged the non-resident price. Each adult resident will be permitted to purchase no more than two (2) cemetery lots, unless approved by the Township Board of Trustees.

For new interments, the flowers left at the gravesite will be removed one week after the burial. The gravesite will be leveled and seeded within one year of the burial, but expect the dirt above a gravesite to continue to sink for up to five years.

Headstones are purchased by the families, generally through local monument companies. The monument company will then notify us of the footer requirements for your stone. Payment for the footer can be remitted directly to Penfield Township or via the monument company.