

Notice – April 1, 2019

The Cemetery Board of Trustees would like to remind residents of the regulations regarding the cemeteries.

Cemetery Regulations

Below is an abridged version of the Cemetery Regulations approved at the Trustees meeting on May 1, 2018.

In order to preserve the aesthetic quality of Reading's cemeteries, and to ensure the safety of the public and cemetery staff, the following rules shall apply:

- The owner of a lot(s) does not have the right to plant trees, shrubs or plants, or to erect a fence, curbing, hedge or any other landmark on the lot(s).
- The Trustees have the right to remove any shrub, hedge, root or branch that they may deem detrimental to other cemetery lots.
- Tributes shall be limited to fresh flowers in shatter-resistant vases, potted plants, or floral baskets not to exceed the width of the lot, the height of the headstone and no more than one foot (12 inches) forward of the headstone. No other decorations or objects will be allowed, and will be removed.
- The Trustees have the right to remove any unsightly flowers, old vases, other containers, or any other decorations/objects that do not conform to the above or that create a safety concern for the public and cemetery staff.
- No vigil lights, solar lights, wooden crosses, or shepherd hooks will be allowed on any lot or grave.
- Tributes on single graves, veterans sections and urn lots are limited to one shatter-resistant container with a maximum diameter of 8 inches or one floral basket per grave.
- Decorations and additional tributes will be allowed for 14 days following an interment, and for one week before and after a federal or religious holiday.
- Nothing is allowed on top of or attached to the top of any memorial.
- Flags and flag holders honoring Veterans may remain year-round.

As cemetery crews remove winter decorations, they will place items that violate the regulations next to the headstone/marker. Please remove these items as soon as possible.

For a complete set of regulations, please check the Town's website.