

**TOWN OF BRADFORD  
BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES  
2025 RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. No person except cemetery employees and officials, and/or town officers shall be within the cemetery except during daylight hours.
2. No vehicles shall be driven through the cemetery except on designated roads no faster than ten (10) miles per hour on said roads.
3. All persons within town cemeteries shall conduct themselves in a manner in keeping with a hallowed space. Inappropriate behavior is prohibited; persons violating reasonable standards of behavior will be subject to removal.
4. It is expected that no person shall use a cemetery as a playground, picnic grounds, and consume and/or bring alcoholic beverages within any town cemetery.
5. No person shall injure or deface any monument stone, fence, other structure or property within the cemeteries. The Town will take reasonable precautions to protect plot owners from loss or damage, but it disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from any causes and/or circumstances beyond its reasonable control.
6. Dogs are NOT allowed in the cemeteries.
7. No person shall deposit rubbish or debris on cemetery grounds.
8. Flower plantings are required to be adjacent to monuments or markers, in an area not to exceed one foot from the base of the monument.
9. The caretaker may enter upon any lot and remove any perennial plant or flower which is deemed detrimental to the cemetery or adjoining lots or unsightly.
10. The caretaker, at his/her discretion, may remove any pots and urns which contain mostly dead flowers at any time.
11. Only removable non-breakable containers – no larger than 10” by 10” – including, but not limited to, exterior pots (e.g., planters) are permitted to be used for floral arrangements and/or plants. For safety reasons, glass and/or ceramic containers are NOT permitted.
12. No artificial flowers are allowed on any cemetery lots.
13. No shrubs may be planted on any lot.
14. If any existing shrub or tree becomes detrimental to a lot, a grave, or the cemetery because of branches, roots, or otherwise dangerous or inconvenient, the Board of Cemetery Trustees shall have both the duty and the right to have any and all parts thereof removed.

15. No decorative landscaping stones will be permitted on any lot. It is not permissible to place fences, curbs, or other articles on any lot, which is flush with the ground and placed a maximum of one foot from the headstone. For safety reasons, personal items (including, but not limited to, stuffed animals, toys, items on a stake, etc.) and/or nighttime illumination are NOT permitted.
16. External flame fixtures and and/or all flammable items in the cemetery, including but not limited to candles, lanterns, etc., are prohibited as they constitute a fire hazard (there is no water source in town cemeteries).
17. Work done in the cemeteries by owners, their aides, or employees shall be subject to supervision the Board of Cemetery Trustees. All rubbish and waste, resulting from this work, will be removed by the owners.
18. Lot care will consist of maintaining the specific lot in the same condition that it was purchased. This implies that the Town of Bradford is responsible for the care of the grass only and is not responsible or obliged to maintain landscaping or other features that are particular to a specific gravesite and that were installed by the plot owner's family. This includes: flowers and similar landscaping products.
19. The Board of Cemetery Trustees has the right to remove non-conforming items from any lot after an attempt has been made to contact the lot owner to remove said item.
20. In all matters not covered by these rules and regulations, the Trustees reserve the right to do what they determine to be fair and reasonable.

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