

## Claridon Township Cemetery Rules and Regulations

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Claridon Township cemeteries are operated in conformance with the Ohio Revised Code and the rules and regulations established by the Board of Township Trustees. The Board is responsible for the maintenance of all cemetery facilities. The Board, in compliance with the Ohio Revised Code, may create, eliminate, or modify the regulations at any time, with or without notice.

Claridon Township maintains three cemeteries, West Claridon, Claridon Center, and East Claridon. Only Claridon Center and East Claridon are available for burials.

1. All visitors are requested to respect the solemnity of the cemeteries.
2. The cemeteries serve all persons and faiths with equal respect.

### GRAVES/LOTS

3. "Owner" means the owner of the rights of Interment as the holder of the deed.
4. The deed to a cemetery lot represents personal property, not real estate. The owner is guaranteed the right to burial, but does not own the land.
5. Upon death of the recorded owner, the unused graves shall go to the legally designated beneficiaries. If no beneficiary is designated, the ownership shall follow the rules of the Ohio Revised Code.
6. There shall be no more than 1 full burial and/or 3 cremains burials per grave. Any grave which will have a full burial and a cremains burial must have the full burial before the cremains can be buried. Note: Keep in mind the number of names to be inscribed on the headstone.
7. The cost of graves shall be \$300 for a Claridon Township resident, and \$600 for a nonresident. Resident rates apply to anyone who was eligible to vote in Claridon Township during the last election.
8. The cost of opening and closing a grave shall be as follows:

Mon. – Fri. 10:00 am – 2:00 pm	\$375.00
Mon.-Fri. 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm, holidays, and weekends	\$475.00
Infants:	\$150.00
Ashes: Mon.-Fri. until 3:00 pm	\$80.00
Holidays, weekends, and weekdays between 3:30 and 6:00 pm	\$160.00

9. The cemetery sexton shall be given a minimum of 48 hours notice of an upcoming interment.
10. No interment shall be permitted until the grave is fully paid for.
11. All transfers of lots other than to family members must be made to Claridon Township through the office of the Cemetery Clerk. If no longer wanted, lots may only be sold back to the Township for the amount of the original purchase price.
12. All interments, other than cremation, shall be with a vault of Portland cement or equivalent construction. Claridon Township does not allow concrete vaults for cremation burials.

#### MARKERS/MONUMENTS

13. As the deed to a lot conveys only the right to interment, the Township retains control and supervision of all lots that have been sold and it shall be the duty of the caretaker to prohibit, modify, or remove any structure, object, improvement, or adornment on such lot that may have been placed in violation of the rules.
14. All grave markers will be on a concrete foundation installed by the Township. The foundation shall be 36" deep and of such length and width to extend 2" on all sides of the grave marker. Flush mounted markers shall have a foundation of 30" deep.
15. Foundations will be installed twice a year, once in the spring, with requests made prior to April 15, and once in the fall, with requests made prior to Sept. 1. The maximum base for a headstone is 38" X 16" for a single grave, or 60" X 16" for two graves.
16. Foundations for veteran's government bronze plaques and granite government headstones that are installed flush are free. Veteran's plaques shall be attached to the headstone whenever possible. Footstones are not permitted in Claridon Township cemeteries.
17. All markers shall be placed facing east with the grave behind it.
18. Only one monument may be placed on a grave.

#### DECORATIONS

19. The recorded owner of the grave shall be the controller in respect to the placement, care, and maintenance of flowers on the grave.
20. All items placed at the Cemetery must be of a respectful nature.
21. The planting of shrubs and trees in the cemetery is prohibited. Flowers may be planted in front of the headstone, but the planting may not exceed the length of the headstone and 12" in width.
22. The placing of lucky stones, slag, gravel, or other similar products around markers is not permitted.
23. All winter decorations must be removed by April 1<sup>st</sup>.
24. Summer decorations must be removed by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
25. Any decorations that are a detriment to the maintenance of the cemetery will be removed.
26. Because of safety concerns, no glass containers are allowed.
27. No more than 2 decorations may be placed on any grave.

28. Shepherd staffs are permitted and must be placed directly next to the headstone. They will be counted as one of the two allowable decorations.
29. Flowers or decorations deemed unsightly or tattered will be removed and discarded.
30. Any small item that is subject to being windblown, such as toys, ceramic figurines, lighting, etc., are prohibited and will be discarded.
31. In the event that a Township employee damages a grave marker or monument, Claridon Township will repair the damage.

#### GENERAL

32. In case of interment errors, pursuant to Section 517.23 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Township has the right to disinter a deceased person to correct an interment error. Owners and purchasers acknowledge on behalf of themselves, their heirs, successors, and assigns that the Township has the right to correct any errors that involve the interment of a deceased person. Pursuant to the Ohio Revised Code and Township policy, notice of the actions to be taken by the Township will be provided to the decedent's last known next of kin prior to the correction.
33. Any person making application for the disinterment or reinterment permit accepts all responsibility for the payment of such disinterment/reinterment. Any vault company charges shall be paid by the applicant.
34. Only human remains may be interred in the Cemetery.

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