

CATO TOWNSHIP CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS

All persons are reminded that the grounds are sacred. The cemetery is devoted to the burial of the dead and that provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by Michigan State Law, will be strictly enforced.

1. The Township shall have the authority to enter upon any lot or site to remove anything objectionable or that was placed contrary to the rules and regulations of the cemetery.
2. The Township is not responsible for theft or damage to anything on sites or grounds.
3. No trees of any kind, including evergreens, will be planted or permitted in the plotted sections. No shrubbery or ornamentals of any kind will be planted or permitted in the plotted sections. Any large ornamental donated trees may be placed at the direction of the Sexton at a location around the fringe of the cemetery.
4. The Township shall trim or remove any dead, damaged, unsightly, overgrown, hazardous, or unauthorized trees, shrubs, vines, flowers or plants.
5. No rose bushes shall be placed or planted on grave site.
6. Flowers will be regulated and placed in urns or planters only. Flower containers can project no further than 18 inches from each end of the headstone and must be contained within the grave site.
7. Unsightly, damaged or broken containers, urns, vases, baskets or loose artificial flowers will be immediately removed and disposed of by the Sexton.
8. Plot Modification: Any plot modifications including stonework or other grave markings must have sexton's approval. No enclosures of any kind, i.e., fence, coping, edging, or ditch shall be permitted on any lot or site. Grave mounds will not be allowed. No site shall be raised above the established grade of the land. No rocks, stones, chips, bark, statues, figurines, bird baths, benches, or decorations shall be permitted on a grave site and will be removed and disposed of immediately without prior notice.
9. Shepherd Hooks or Arches for hanging baskets are allowed. The hooks will have to be directly adjacent to either end of the foundation, with the basket hanging directly over the monument. The hooks must be of the single pole type and only one hook per monument. All hooks must be made of a minimum of ½" steel and be kept painted. Any hooks that become rusted and unsightly will be removed without notice.
10. Winter blankets or wreathes may be placed no sooner than November 1st and must be removed by April 15th along with any artificial flowers so that grounds can be prepared for Memorial Day. Authorized items may be placed beginning May 1st.
11. No person shall ride or drive upon the lawns.

Thank you – Brian Bucholtz, Cato Township Cemetery Sexton