



GENERAL CEMETERY PRACTICES FOLLOWED BY THE CITY

This is a summary of cemetery rules. For a complete copy of the Riverside Cemetery rules and regulations, please contact the Monticello Public Works Department. Thank you.

In Ground Grave Size:

- Full Grave 4' x 12'
- Cremation Grave 4' x 4'
- Infant Grave..... 2' x 6'

Columbarium:

- Niche Urn Size 5.5"x5.5"x7"
- Niche Vase Size..... 10"h x 6" dia

Burial Restrictions:

- Cremation Grave Two (2) Urns Ashes [Maximum]
- Columbarium.....Two (2) Urns/Vases Ashes [Maximum]
- Ossuary..... One (1) Urns Bag Ashes [Co-Mingle Container]
- Infant Grave.....One (1) Infant [Maximum]
- Full Grave One (1) Adult [Standard]
 - or One (1) Adult and One (1) Infant [Maximum]
 - or One (1) Adult and One (1) Urn of Ashes [Maximum]
 - or Two (2) Infants [Maximum]
 - or Two (2) Urns Ashes [Maximum]
- No grave shall be purchased for any other purpose than for the burial of the human dead and the placement of appropriate memorials.
- If two graves available, husband shall be buried whenever possible in the grave directly south of his wife's grave.
- Deceased buried facing east (facing the sunrise).
- We will not disinter from the ossuary.

Purchase of Graves:

- Never, under any circumstances, will graves be reserved without payment in full.
- Graves shall be purchased at the current stated fee only. Call for current fee.
- Certificate of ownership shall be issued upon full payment.
- The purchaser shall agree in the certificate conveying the grave that their rights are subject to the Rules

and Regulations of Riverside Cemetery as the Council of the City of Monticello shall adopt.

- Graves shall not be re-sold or transferred except back to the City of Monticello.
- Graves may only be returned to the City of Monticello upon submittal of the original deed/Certificate.
- Returned graves will be credited the original purchase price stated in the deed/ certificate.
- A transfer fee is required for all grave returns or grave exchanges.

Reclaiming Graves:

- The City of Monticello reserves the right to reclaim graves.
- The 1st of January of each year the City shall commence the reclamation of graves purchased 60 years prior with no burials or contacts since that time.
- The City shall advertise these graves subsequently for three weeks.
- Upon no response from grave owners, these graves will become reclaimed by the City.
- Reclaimed grave status shall change from “reserved” to “open for sale”.
- The City of Monticello reserves the right to charge current fees for the sale of these reclaimed graves.

Interments/Open and Close:

- A minimum of 48-hours notice must be given prior to any interment.
- Graves must be marked by the City of Monticello prior to commencing any open/close.
- All fees must be paid in full prior to any interments, to include the grave fee, open/close fee, perpetual care fee (if applicable), staking fee.
- Open/Close shall be completed by the City of Monticello or its approved Contractor only.

Monument/Marker Setting:

- The City of Monticello shall be notified prior to the setting of any monuments or markers.
- A staking fee (as stated in the current fee schedule) shall be paid to the City of Monticello.
- Contractors setting monuments or markers shall supply the City of Monticello with a current certificate of liability insurance.
- Monuments/markers shall be set in a border (minimum of 4") of concrete at grade level or with a deluxe edge or frosted granite.
- Monuments/markers shall not be constructed of any artificial material.
- Monuments/markers may be purchased from any reputable monument company.
- Flat markers are required in new section of cemetery.
- Only one marker per grave is allowed in new section unless otherwise stated.
- Marker shall be set at the head facing east.

Cemetery Ground Rules:

- No signs, notices or advertising of any kind shall be permitted within the cemetery.
- No peddling or soliciting of any kind shall be permitted within the cemetery.

- No alcoholic beverages allowed on grounds.
- No pets allowed on grounds.
- No snowmobiles, ATV's or motorized bikes allowed on grounds.
- No glass containers, bottles, etc. allowed on grounds.
- No landscaping/lawn care shall be performed by persons other than the City of Monticello or an approved contractor.
- No trees, shrubs, plants, flowers, etc. shall be placed or planted on grounds unless authorized by the City of Monticello.
- Memorial trees, benches, shrubs, plant stands and pots, etc. available for purchase. Contact Monticello Public Works.

Cemetery Maintenance:

- Mowing of grass, weeding, trimming of weeds, raking leaves, litter and debris pickup and disposal shall be performed by the City of Monticello or its approved contractor. The City reserves the right to supplement mowing, trimming and litter/debris pickup operations with its own forces or volunteers at any time.
- The water system shall be shut off when the first hard freeze is eminent, usually October.
- The water system shall be turned back on after all the frost is gone in the spring and ground temperatures are suitable for growing grass, usually in May.
- Snow plowing shall commence in the cemetery as soon as practical upon completion of plowing operations by City crews of city parking lots, city offices, streets, sidewalks, and pathways. An exception to this would be if there is a burial pending, then the plowing would be done immediately upon notification of burial.
- The Hennepin County Forestry Division shall be allowed to bring in supervised crews once per year to collect acorns for their reforestation program.

Cemetery Hours:

The cemetery shall be open to the public daily from 7 a.m. - Sunset.

Please contact the Monticello Public Works Department with any questions

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