

**Concordia Cemetery Association Inc (CCA)**  
**Rules & Regulations rev September 2023**  
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**This general information is to protect the interests of all owners and to preserve the beauty and safety of *Historic Concordia Cemetery*. While every precaution will be taken during mowing season, the cemetery is not responsible for damage to decorations placed on grave sites.**

**HOURS OF OPERATION**

Access to the cemetery is allowed from 9 a.m. until sunset, observing the rules which are in effect and with the respect due a cemetery.

No children under the age of 16 will be allowed in the cemetery unless accompanied by an adult.

Vehicles, including bicycles and motorcycles, must stay on the roads; driving on the lawn is prohibited. The speed limit on cemetery grounds is 10 mph. When parking: pull off the roadway so another car can pass.

**SEMI-ANNUAL CEMETERY CLEANUP**

Cemetery workers will perform a comprehensive cleanup of the grounds twice each year: during the first two weeks of April and the first two weeks of November, provided weather and other circumstances permit.

During the semiannual cleanup all decorations, including but not limited to ornaments, solar lights, shepherd hooks, statues, flower pots, decorative stones and similar items, will be removed.

It is the lot owner or visitor's responsibility to check the gravesite and make sure that any items they consider valuable are removed prior to the cleanup dates.

CCA will remove all broken, damaged or unsightly items without notice to the lot owner, and they will be disposed of at the Cemetery's discretion. No notification of removal of an item will be provided. These items cannot be reclaimed.

All holiday decorations must be removed by the lot owner by the beginning of the annual Spring and Fall clean-up dates (April 1 and November 1). CCA is not responsible for any items left at a gravesite.

Throughout the year any items left on graves will be removed and discarded if, in the Cemetery's judgment, they are not permitted according to these Rules & Regulations, or interfere with proper maintenance of the Cemetery, or are believed to be a hazard to visitors to the Cemetery or to Cemetery workers.

**PLACEMENT OF DECORATIONS**

Due to potential damage to mowing equipment as well as possible injury to cemetery works and/or visitors the following decorations are not allowed and will be removed:

- NO glass containers of any kind
- NO in-ground plantings (trees, shrubs, plants, bulbs)
- NO small stones or chips around memorials
- NO vigil candles, balloons or wind spinners
- NO wooden markers
- NO wreaths on tripods during grass cutting season

The Cemetery reserves the right to remove funeral decorations left at the gravesite within 24 hours after placement.

**April 1st to October 15:** Spring and summer flowers may be placed. All decorations including solar lights must be in pots or one piece urns with not more than one pot/urn per grave. Nothing is to be planted in the ground. All trash is to be placed in receptacles located along the road. Decorations not in pots or urns will be removed.

Note: Decorations remaining on graves will be removed after November 1.

**November 1st to March 15:** Winter decorations such as wreaths (including Wreaths Across America) and artificial flowers are allowed.

Note: Winter decorations remaining on graves will be removed after April 1.

Note: Good quality artificial flowers are low maintenance and remain colorful throughout the summer.

## **RULES & REGULATIONS**

All lots in Concordia Cemetery are sold in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of New York and shall not be used for any other purposes than as a burial place for dead human beings.

No interment shall be allowed without a permit being first obtained from the CCA. At the time of applying for the permit the following information must be furnished:

1. Name of deceased
2. Age of deceased, including date of birth, if known
3. Place of birth of the deceased, if known
4. Time and date of interment
6. If not an adult, the names of parents or legal guardian(s) of the deceased.

The full purchase price must be paid before a deed will be given or burial allowed on the lot.

Funerals must take place at the Cemetery by 4 p.m. in order that workmen will have sufficient time to properly close the grave and remove equipment before 5 p.m.

All funerals, processions and vehicles will be under the control of the Superintendent while in the Cemetery. Interments on Sundays and Holidays will be governed by New York State Cemetery Board Directives 202.8 and 202.12.

All lot owners are required to notify the Cemetery of any change of address. All notices required to be sent shall be sent to the last recorded address and such notices shall be deemed adequate.

The interment of cremated remains will be permitted only in appropriate rigid receptacles such as wood, metal, plastic or concrete.

Cremated remains will not be permitted to be scattered in any part of the cemetery.

Heavy trucking or other vehicular traffic shall be refused entrance to the Cemetery when, in the opinion of the Superintendent, injury to the roads or driveway might result.

Lot owners are prohibited from allowing interments to be made on their lots for compensation.

Interments in a lot restricted to those entitled to burial therein according to the terms of Section 1512 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law. Permission for burial of those not entitled to burial according to the said Section must be filed with the Concordia Cemetery Association by the lot owner(s).

Except as provided for in Section 1513© of the Not-for-profit Corporation Law, no lot owner may transfer his or her lot.

All work done in the Cemetery shall be done by Cemetery personnel or under the provisions of the Cemetery Manager or the Board of Directors.

Disinterment will be allowed between June 1 and September 30 provided the provisions of Section 1510(e) of the Not-for-profit Corporation Law are complied with.

The Cemetery Manager/custodian is required to enforce these Rules and Regulations by order of the Cemetery Board.

## **MONUMENTS, MARKERS AND FOUNDATIONS**

Monuments/markers shall be set in accordance with the general plan of the Cemetery and shall conform with the general plan in size and material.

Monuments/markers are restricted in size to dimensions which will not cover more than 10% of the surface area of the lot. Every monument/marker shall be at least 3 inches in thickness.

The bases of all monuments shall be finished true and level so as to fit on foundations without wedging or sprawls.

Any broken monuments must be repaired by the lot owner or the Cemetery will lay them flat after due notice to the lot owner.

All foundations will be constructed by or under the direction of the CCA.

Only flat markers are permitted for all lots sold after the effective date of these Rules and Regulations and must be installed by a qualified monument contractor.