

RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR
TOWN OF SCOTLAND
CEMETERIES

To preserve and protect the beauty and peacefulness of our cemeteries for the benefit of all, and to assure the order and efficient operation of the Town Cemeteries, The Scotland Board of Selectmen has promulgated these rules and regulations:

General Rules

Burial rights may be sold only to Scotland residents, or former residents.

No burial will be permitted unless gravesite is paid for in full.

It is at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, the town may repurchase cemetery plots from an owner upon request. In the event the Board of Selectmen decides to allow the sale of a lot back to the town, the purchase price will be only the original amount received by the town for the purchase of the plot, with no additions for interest or any other costs.

Each cemetery shall be open from sunrise to sunset.

Interments

The purchaser of a burial plot does not buy the right to the soil or to maintenance of the cemetery; rather, he buys only the right to bury.

No funeral will be allowed in the cemetery on Sundays or legal holidays; unless deemed necessary by the Department of Health or for Religious Beliefs.

All gravesites/plots which are sold will be furnished perpetual care which shall include regular mowing and trimming of grass. Perpetual care shall not include maintenance, repairs or replacement of monuments or markers, or replacement of plants.

No above ground internments will be allowed in the Town of Scotland Cemeteries.

A cremation on top of a full interment would require the container to be no more than 6" high.

Each plot may contain up to three cremations.

Memorials and Ornamentation

Only urns, vases, flowerpots and wreaths are allowed, and must be removed annually by May 1st.

Do not make direct plantings in the ground with live or artificial flowers, or anchor artificial flower arrangements with wire to the ground. It makes trimming very difficult and time consuming. Plants kept in pots on the ground are acceptable. Plants kept in pots up off the ground on the base of the stone, if the head stone allows, are ideal.

We will prune and remove shrubs, trees, and plants as we deem necessary in order to keep the cemeteries tidy and to keep growth and or roots from engulfing or undermining the head stone as well as neighboring head stones.

The Sexton **must** be consulted before setting of any monuments. Permits must be obtained from the Sexton for any monuments, headstones and/or footstones and corner stones **before** being placed. The Sexton may refuse in it sole discretion any design it deems unacceptable to the Town's cemeteries. Any decision may be appealed to the Board of Selectmen.

The Sexton must be notified of the opening of grave (comply with state regulations), plantings of any kind and any alterations made to a plot.

All monuments shall be set in the center of plots, in straight lines, East and West, and on flush foundations.

Memorial Stones are the responsibility of the owner of the plot, and may not be installed until a permit is obtained from the sexton of the cemetery. All corner stones must be set flush with the sod.

Only photographs of headstones are permitted. No rubbings shall be allowed without written permission of the Sexton.

The Rules and Regulations of the Town of Scotland Cemeteries are for the enforcement for the Sexton. The Scotland Board of Selectmen at its discretion may change / amend the Rules and Regulations at any time.

The Board of Selectmen may refuse permission for any installation which, in its sole discretion, it determines is objectionable or inappropriate.

Plot Fee:	Resident	\$500.00
	Non Resident	\$650.00
Regular Burial Fee:		\$ 850.00
*Winter Burial Fee		1100.00
Cremation Fee		250.00
Disinterment Fee		2000.00

The sexton shall be consulted on the placement of all stones and monuments.

Fee	\$ 50.00
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*Winter Burial is November 15 through April 15. *Excessive frost may result in a surcharge after April 15.*

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