

**Washington Township, Wood County, Ohio**  
**Cemetery Rules, Regulations and Restrictions**  
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These cemetery rules, regulations and restrictions shall supersede all former versions and become effective when and as amended by a majority vote of the township trustees per Chapter 517 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**BURIAL LOTS**

Anyone, residents and non-residents of Washington Township, is welcome to purchase burial places in any of Tontogany, Washington Township or Otsego cemeteries.

The sale of lots or burial places shall be the responsibility of the Washington Township Trustees or the person(s) designated by the trustees to conduct such sales.

All grave sales require immediate payment at the time of purchase and shall be paid in full before any burial takes place.

All money is to be paid to the Township Fiscal Officer, Sexton or person(s) designated by the Washington Township Trustees.

A proper written receipt shall be issued for all money received.

If requested, a copy of these Rules, Regulation and Restrictions will be furnished to grave purchaser(s).

**GRAVE AND SERVICES PRICES**

All current prices are on the attached Schedule A and subject to change at any time.

**DEEDS**

The Trustees of Washington Township shall issue and deliver to the purchaser of the burial plot a deed when all accounts are paid in full.

All accounts must be paid at time of purchase. Plots not paid in full within sixty (60) days of order shall void the sale and grave(s) shall remain the property of Washington Township Trustees and can be resold. No further notice will be given to purchaser.

Joint deeds will be issued only at the discretion of the Trustees.

A transfer of a deed by a Township Resident to a Non-Resident shall require the difference in cost between resident and non-resident pricing at the time of such transfer to be paid to the township fiscal officer.

All transfers shall be at the discretion of the Washington Township Trustees.

**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

The trustees or sexton shall cause every grave to be leveled, filled and seeded to grass to correspond to the general surface of the cemetery.

Permanent fixtures, plants or decorations shall be placed only on the headstone base and not on the grave itself.

All glass containers, loose stones, fences or arbors on graves are prohibited.

The planting of any plants or vegetation is prohibited.

Any unsightly, illegal or offensive decorations or items are prohibited and will be removed.

Use of roller blades, roller skates, or roller boarding are prohibited on cemetery grounds.

Washington Township bears no responsibility for any loss or damage to any headstones, plantings or decorations placed on graves or lots.

All winter wreaths, blankets, pillows, etc. must be removed by March 15.

All tombstones, markers, headstones or other permanent fixtures shall be placed only under the supervision of the Trustees, sexton or person(s) designated by the Trustees.  
Monuments or markers over 36" long are not permitted on a single grave.  
Besides headstones, any other markers, footstones, etc. shall be placed at ground level.  
Foundations for all memorials shall be placed only under the supervision of the Trustees, sexton or person(s) designated by the Trustees.  
Monument and marker inscriptions are not the township's responsibility.  
Monuments ordered from online or internet companies cannot be received by Washington Township Cemetery. They will not be unloaded or placed by Washington Township Cemetery employees.  
Cremains must be in a durable container. Cardboard or wooden containers will not be accepted.  
Cremains that are placed directly into a monument must be reported to Washington Township cemetery with a Cremation Certificate.  
No foundation shall be placed until graves have been paid in full.  
Indigent burials shall be made according to Ohio Revised Code governing such burials.  
Washington Township will take all reasonable precautions to protect grave/lot owners and the property rights of grave/lot owners within the cemeteries from any loss or damage, either natural or manmade. However, Washington Township is not responsible for any loss or damage to monuments, tombstones, headstones, markers, foundations, personal property, plantings or decorations placed on graves/lots. Furthermore, Washington Township is not responsible for any loss or damage either natural or manmade occurring to vehicles entering, exiting, traveling, or parked on cemetery property, whether the damage or loss be direct or collateral.  
Vehicle speed inside all cemeteries shall not exceed ten (10) miles per hour.  
Parking is permitted only on driveways. Care should be employed in parking as to not damage any graves or the grounds.  
Any person caught damaging, injuring or disturbing any property in any township cemetery shall be subject to prosecution.  
The cemetery shall be open to visitors and plot owners from one half hour prior to sunrise until one half hour after sunset, unless, in the judgment of the Trustees, a necessity arises to change these times.  
Any pets, must be leashed. All droppings left by pets must be gathered and removed by the pet owner.

These Rules, Regulations, and Restrictions may be altered or amended any time at the discretion of the Washington Township Trustees.

#### BURIALS

The Trustees of Washington Township or other(s) designated by them, shall be notified of any prospective burial at least forty-eight (48) hours before interment is to be made, or the township will not be held responsible for any delays.  
No more than two (2) cremation burials per grave or one (1) casket/vault burial and one (1) cremation per grave shall be permitted.  
The burial of a Non-Resident on a plot owned by a Resident shall be permitted only with an additional charge of the difference between Resident and Non-resident grave costs plus applicable opening and closing charges.  
Only grave liner or top seal vaults are permitted. No wooden boxes or air dome vaults are permitted.  
No animal burials are allowed in any cemetery.  
The burial of a township resident, who, for reasons beyond their control, has sought shelter, health care or institutional help (such as assisted living, nursing home, hospital, etc.) beyond the township's boundaries, shall be charged at the Resident grave and burial rates.

#### RESIDENTS

Residents, for purposes of the costs of grave purchases, opening/closing of graves and burials shall be defined as persons living within the township, owning a home within the township, owning an established commercial business or owning a minimum of 20 acres of real estate within the township at the time of the person's death. Anyone not a township resident, per these qualifications, shall pay all costs and fees as a non-resident. Any questions or disputes about a person's status as a township resident shall be reviewed and decided by a majority of township trustees.

Schedule A

Grave purchase:

Resident.....	\$200.00
Non-resident.....	\$600.00

Opening and closing:

Resident.....	\$300.00
Non-resident.....	\$600.00

Burial of cremains:

Resident.....	\$200.00
Non-resident.....	\$300.00

Sundays and holidays:

Extra charge for all activities.....	\$150.00
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Disinter grave.....	\$1,000.00
(This fee does not include moving to a different site, grave opening and closing.)	

Price and fees schedule effective 12/30/14.

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