

North Cemetery Rules and Regulations

The Wayland Board of Public Works, acting as the Cemetery Commissioners according to Town By-laws, have established these rules as a guide to proper use of Town Cemeteries. These rules may be adjusted by the Board of Public Works, as necessary. The Board of Public Works stand ready at all times, to answer all questions regarding these established rules. For further information regarding the sale of lots, or details pertaining to lot ownership, including information about planting, interments, memorials and markers, please contact the Town of Wayland DPW/Parks Department at (508) 358-3672, or visit the DPW Building at 66 River Road, Wayland, Massachusetts 01778. Additionally, information for all town cemeteries may be obtained online at http://www.wayland.ma.us/Pages/WaylandMA_DPW/Parks/Cem%20Rules%2010-08-14.pdf

1. Town cemeteries are open from 7:15 am until sunset.
2. Visitors must respect the solemnity of the cemeteries at all times.
3. Alcoholic beverages, firearms, and dogs are prohibited in all town cemeteries.
4. The following activities are prohibited in all town cemeteries: rollerblading, skateboarding, the use of mini-bikes, go-carts, horseback riding, solicitation of any kind, the sale of any items, instructing persons in the use and operation of a motor vehicle, and driving on any grass area.
5. The Cemetery Commission shall make reasonable efforts to protect all trees, flowers, shrubs, commemorative memorials and other property. The Cemetery Commission is not responsible for the protection or replacement of any property or landscape.
6. Only residents or former residents of the Town of Wayland, Massachusetts, shall be entitled to purchase a lot or single grave.
7. Any lot owner who wishes to assure burial privileges to a specific individual, must notify the Cemetery Commission in writing. This documentation must be signed, dated, and notarized.
8. No lot (or portion of a lot) may be sold or divided, without first obtaining written permission from the Cemetery Commission.
9. The cost of "Perpetual Care" is included in the total price of lot sales. Perpetual care covers all lot and grave surface maintenance, such as mowing the grass, or removing leaves. It does not include the maintenance of markers, monuments, flowers, shrubs, or any other plants.
10. Cemetery lots shall not be used for any purpose other than as burial sites for human remains.
11. No lot owner shall allow the remains of any person to be deposited within the bounds of his or her lot for profit.
12. No tomb, mausoleum, crypt, or other structure (intended for above ground interment), may be constructed within the bounds of town cemeteries, without written approval from the Cemetery Commission Director.
13. No trees or shrubs within all cemetery bounds may be cut down, destroyed, or altered. Lot owners who desire any landscaping changes must first obtain written approval from the Cemetery Commission. The Commission reserves the right to make any landscaping changes as they feel necessary, for the overall improvement and safety of town cemeteries.
14. The speed limit in town cemeteries is five (5) miles per hour.
15. Horses are specifically prohibited from town cemeteries, unless they are part of a funeral cortege or authorized activity.
16. All pedestrians have the right-of-way. Additionally, motor vehicles must yield to funeral processions.
17. Any person who causes damage with a motor vehicle in town cemeteries, shall be held liable for the cost of damages.
18. Plantings must be 18" in front and/or 18" on either side of a monument only. Prior to planning for plantings, please refer to the Town of Wayland Cemeteries' Rule and Regulations, pages 11-13, for what is and is not permitted.

Glossary of Terms
LOT - Land area is assigned a numbered division, according to the town cemetery record card, and may consist of two or more graves.
GRAVE - Area within a lot, that is of sufficient size to accommodate one full size interment and/or up to six cremated remains.
INTERMENT - The permanent disposition of a deceased person's remains, through burial.
CREMATION - The technical process by which human remains are reduced to bone fragments.
DEED - The original conveyance document provided by the Cemetery Commission to the original lot purchaser.
MEMORIAL - Includes any monument and/or marker, used for identification on a cemetery lot.
MONUMENT - Includes any tombstone or memorial consisting of granite or marble, which shall extend above the surface of the ground.
MARKER - A memorial flush with the ground, usually located at a grave site.

PLEASE NOTE: North Cemetery is not affiliated with Beit Olam Jewish Cemetery

