



## DIAMOND LAKE & VERNON CEMETERY

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

*Diamond Lake and Vernon are Nondenominational Cemeteries*

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***No lot, crypt, or niche purchased from Vernon Township shall be used for any other purpose than as a place of burial for the human dead.***

- No alternate uses of a lot, crypt, or niche or a portion thereof can be made.
- Selling of any lot, crypt, niche is prohibited.
- Transfers of any lot, crypt, or niche must be reported to the Township.

***No disinterment will be allowed without the permission of the Township, of the lot owner, and of the next kin of the deceased.***

- This must also be coordinated through a licensed funeral home. The requester will be responsible for all costs.

***All graves will be kept at ground level.***

- No mounds shall be placed, raised, or left upon any lot at any time, and after the use of any lot for burial purposes, the surface of the same shall always be maintained at the same level as existed prior to the use of such lot for burial purposes.

***Coordination with Vernon Township must be obtained to place any monuments, plaques, or headstones on any lot, crypt, or niche within the cemetery.***

- Items such as benches or other structures are prohibited.
- For a single lot, the bottom of the monument (base) cannot be larger than 40".
- The monument must be placed on a foundation that has a perimeter of 2" on each side or up to 44".
- Approval from Vernon Township is required of the monument prior to installation.

***Flower beds are permitted but may only be on the grave side of lot and within a designated area that extends no more than 18 inches from the memorial, lot line width, or lot line if no headstone is present.***

- Plants should be annuals with growth not over a foot high.
- Placement of potted plants, Sheppard's hooks, small plaques, solar lights, or other decorations must be completely within the flower bed designated area.

***NOT Permitted will be removed immediately at the Township's discretion and without notice.***

- Planting trees, evergreens, bushes, shrubs, and hedges on burial lots or any location on cemetery property.
- Containers made of glass, crockery, or other breakable material (lamps/lanterns, candles, ceramic objects, vases)
- Seats, benches, gravel, decorative stone, mulch, and mylar balloons.



***The Township may enter any lot at its discretion***, and without notice, modify or remove any decoration that it deems dangerous, improperly placed, withered, not properly cared for or inconsistent with its Rules and Regulations.

***All trees and shrubs growing in the cemetery are the property of the Township and not of the lot owners.***

It shall be the right of the Township from time to time to alter avenues and walks, and to make such rules and regulations for the government of the grounds as they may deem requisite and proper to secure and promote the general objects and best interests of the cemetery.

**Seasonal cleanup of decorations will be done in the spring approximately March 1<sup>st</sup> and in the fall approximately November 1<sup>st</sup>, weather permitting.** Please remove any decorations before that date. All decorations that remain will be removed and disposed of during seasonal clean up. The Township accepts no responsibility for decorations that are lost, stolen, vandalized, damaged, or discarded.

**Vernon Township is the only entity that can change or modify these rules.**

***By signing this document purchasers of grave plots, niches and/or crypts at Vernon or Diamond Lake Cemetery's do agree to abide by the above rules and regulations.***

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Purchase Location

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