



EDENS CEMETERY

Skagit County Cemetery District 3

6312 Guemes Island Road

Guemes Island, Washington 98221

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SCHEDULE OF CATEGORIES, DEFINITIONS, CHARGES & RULES

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Category	Definition	Charges
Resident	Owns property or lives permanently on Guemes Island or their spouse or domestic partner is already interred or memorialized in the cemetery or a near relative to a resident -- to include: • Parent • Sibling • Son or Daughter • Grandparent or Grandchild	\$300.00 per burial, cremation or memorial site.
Resident Veteran	U.S. Veteran resident.	\$25.00 for the Veteran's burial, cremation or memorial site.
Non-resident	Any person who does not own property or live within Cemetery District #3, or does not meet the requirements of Resident or Resident Veteran	\$900.00 per burial, cremation or memorial site.
Grave site preparation	Opening and closing of grave sites for burial or placement of cremated remains, as well as placement of markers will either be included in funeral home charges or as coordinated with the cemetery district.	As determined by funeral home or cemetery district.

Visiting Hours are Sunrise to Sunset. Pets accompanying visitors must be always controlled and the cemetery grounds must be cleaned of any litter.

Edens Cemetery is established for the disposition of Human Remains as defined in RCW 68.04.020, Sec. 2., i.e., the body of a deceased person, including remains following the process of cremation, hydrolysis, or natural organic reduction.

No Site will be reserved except by sale. At the time of sale, the Name, Address, Birthdate of the intended interee/honoree must be provided. No one other than the intended interee or honoree may be interred or honored in the gravesite.

The Cemetery does re-purchase sites. The repurchase refund price will be the original purchase price. The Cemetery encourages private parties to resell their unused sites to other private parties. The reseller is not allowed to profit from the resale of their sites. The resale must be between parties of equal Category or the difference in cost must be remitted to Edens Cemetery at the time the new deed is to be issued. For any resale of a Cemetery site to be **Valid** it must be sold through the offices of Edens Cemetery so that a deed to the property can be properly executed, notarized and recorded by the Cemetery. RCW 68.32.50 provides the means by which exceptions to this rule will be judged by the Board of Commissioners of Edens Cemetery. RCW 68.32.40 provides for the descent of title to plot or right of interment.

Grave and memorial sites are available in two sizes: 4 by 10 feet required for burial of a human remains and 3 by 4 feet provided for interment of other human remains. Each burial site will accommodate only one vault. Each human body must be buried in a closed vault. Each 3 by 4-foot site may accommodate up to 3 sets of other cremated human remains. Interment of cremated human remains does not require use of a closed vault. Pet burials and/or memorials are not permitted.

A permanent grave marker must be installed flush with the ground at each grave or cremation site. Markers are to be approximately 22 inches by 36 inches and are to be installed within one year of burial date or date of death. Provision and repair of grave markers is the responsibility of the owner of the gravesite and **not** included under the term perpetual care. No grave markers may be installed without prior coordination and supervision of the Cemetery Secretary or a Cemetery Commissioner. Decorative borders are discouraged as they are often of inadequate strength to withstand the weight cemetery equipment. Damage to any such decorative borders will not be the responsibility of the cemetery.

Permanent trees, shrubs or other growing plants are not to be planted at either grave or cremation sites except after consultation with the Cemetery Commission, certain bulbs, that meet their specific approval, may be planted at grave sites and about the grounds.

Artificial plants and flowers are only allowed during the Winter season.

Decorations of a seasonal holiday nature (Christmas, Easter, Memorial Day, etc.) are to be removed after the holiday.

Routine maintenance of the cemetery grounds may require removal of temporary decorations for mowing and when potted plants and cut flowers have withered. Pots and vases will then be removed and discarded.

Except as authorized by the Cemetery Commission, the use of herbicides or pesticides are prohibited in Edens Cemetery to protect our staff and visitors.

Any gravesite that has not been used for interment or memorialization and meets the following conditions will be considered an abandoned gravesite in accordance with RCW 68.36.

- A. Five years after the death of the intended occupant of the grave site and the deceased has neither been interred there nor had a memorial stone placed there.
OR
- B. One hundred-thirty-years after the birth of the intended occupant of the grave site has neither been interred there nor had a memorial stone placed there.
AND
- C. The provisions of RCW 68.32.050 regarding filing of Affidavit as to the assignment of right of interment has not been met.
AND
- D. The provisions of RCW 68.32.130 regarding Waiver of right of placement has not been met.
THEREFORE
- E. If these conditions are met the process of declaring the gravesite as abandoned may be begun in accordance with the provisions of RCW 68.36.