

BRADY TOWNSHIP CEMETERY RULES

1. Township cemeteries shall be open from April 1 through November 1, Sunrise to Sunset, and shall be closed to vehicular traffic during the winter except for burials.

2. All fees or charges for services are payable to the Township of Brady. Full payment must be received prior to a burial. No other fees or gratuities shall be made to township employees.

3. Persons within a cemetery shall use only the drives and walkways to walk upon unless it is necessary to cross lots or the lawn to gain access to one's own lot.

4. Persons visiting a cemetery or attending funerals are prohibited from picking or transplanting flowers, wild or cultivated, breaking or injuring any tree, shrub or plant, or from writing upon, defacing or vandalizing any memorials, fence, or other structure within the cemetery grounds. The exception to this rule is that a person may maintain the area referred to in the rite of burial certificate so long as the maintenance does not conflict with any of the provisions of this ordinance. The township desires to leave the improvement of the lots and graves up to the taste of private caretakers, however, the township reserves the right to remove any structure, planting or object that conflicts with the regulations or is injurious to the general appearance of the graves.

5. Motor vehicles must be kept under complete control at all times and must stop when encountering a funeral procession. Vehicles shall not be left with the motor running or horns sounded in a cemetery. Motor vehicles with noisy mufflers should remain outside the cemetery.

6. The following acts are prohibited within a cemetery:

(a) Driving of motor vehicles through the gates or in the cemetery at speeds above 10 m.p.h.

(b) Driving any motor vehicle anywhere but on cemetery driveways, without the expressed permission of the Township Board or their designee.

(c) Parking or leaving any motor vehicle on a driveway in the cemetery so that it prevents another vehicle from passing it. Cemetery management shall have the right to remove any such motor vehicle without liability to the owner.

(d) NO Rubbing--a process used to lift copy of letters from grave markers by laying paper on marker and rubbing over it with pencil, pen, color, marker, ect.

7. Children under fifteen years of age are not permitted within a cemetery, or its buildings, unless accompanied by an adult. Behavior of all persons visiting the cemetery should be appropriate and respectful.

Inappropriate behavior which is specifically prohibited shall include:

(a) Loitering and solicitation.

(b) Placing signs or notices or advertisements of any kind within the cemetery.

(c) Bringing dogs into the cemetery or any of its buildings, unless the dogs are "seeing eye" or other specially trained dogs for the disabled and/or police dogs in the line of duty.

(d) Bringing firearms into the cemetery except as a military escort accompanying a veteran's funeral or attending memorial services.

8. Cemetery rubbish only shall be properly disposed of in receptacles available on the cemetery grounds. Placement of dirt, rocks and other similar materials are prohibited in disposal receptacles.

9. All plants and flowers must be natural, and/or biodegradable/recyclable only, and will be placed not more than 18 inches behind the headstone or head of a grave. All others will be removed. *Decorations and/or artificial flowers placed on graves no earlier than May 1st and must be removed by Nov 1st.*

10. All plants, flowers, perennials, etc., shall be placed in well-kept beds in the area designated. Fencing, edging or borders, and stone or other loose ground cover are prohibited, as they can be hazardous to maintenance personnel and/or damaging to lawn mower parts.

11. Grave blankets are allowed, but must be natural and/or biodegradable/recyclable only and must be removed by private grave caretakers by April 1, each year. Any non-conforming flowers and/or grave blankets will be removed at the discretion of the Township and/or their designee.

12. Trees and shrubs will only be allowed as memorials, with types and locations designated by the Township and/or their designee. *The Township Board reserves the right to remove or trim any tree, plant or shrub located within the cemeteries in the interest of maintaining property appearance and the use of the cemeteries.*

13. Iron or metal fixtures, including shepherd's hooks and solar lights, seats or urns are prohibited. Perpetual lights and shepherd's hooks are strongly discouraged, but may be placed within the 18 inches behind the headstone and must be placed flush with the headstone, *placed on graves no earlier than May 1st and must be removed by Nov 1st.* No fires, candles or open flames.

14. All work of any description shall cease while a funeral or interment is being conducted at a Cemetery.

Workers, including those employed by outside firms, and their equipment shall withdraw a reasonable distance from the location of the funeral service.

15. Local volunteer organizations may, under the supervision of the Township and/or their designee, undertake cemetery maintenance/improvement projects.

16. All cemetery business will be administered by the Township and/or their designee, including but not limited to vault, headstone and footing delivery and installation, removal of old trees, seeding of winter grass, tree trimming, fill dirt, seeding.

17. The Township shall not be held liable for any damages or injuries of any kind or nature whatever arising directly or indirectly from any person's use of or presence in a Township cemetery.

ADDITIONAL RULES ADDED TO ORDINANCE

18. *The agents for Brady Township shall have the right and authority to remove and dispose of any growth, emblems, display or containers thereof that through decay, deterioration, damage or otherwise become unsightly, a source of litter or maintenance problem.*

19. *Items placed on graves in violation of the ordinance shall be removed by the agents of Brady Township, after April 1st. Those items include, but not limited to: Plastic flowers, flower pots, shepherd's hooks, landscape stones, grave blankets and any other loose items left at the grave site.*