

Scambler Township
Cemetery Policies

Scambler Township owns the Scambler Cemetery.

A. Layout of the cemetery plots

5' x 10' individual plots

16'x16' multiple plots

B. Plot pricing

\$500.00 for the 5' by 10' plots, \$1000 for 16x16 plots, and a \$100.00 finder's fee to find plots, and for filing the burial permits and be responsible for keeping all records.
The Township will sell cemetery plots in order, not scattered.

The Scambler Board shall be the caretaker of the grounds. It shall be their responsibility to care for the grounds and keep them in proper shape and do such other work, from time to time, as may be needed including: placing Memorial Day Flags.

Care of Lots - to secure a general good effect in the cemetery; it is essential that every lot shall be cared for, as a single neglected lot mars the beauty of the whole section. It is a duty, which every lot owner owes to himself and his family, to preserve from neglect the home of his dead.

The grades of all lots and grounds are established by the Board and it alone has the power to determine the same.

Each lot in the cemetery is marked by a stone or iron post at each corner, set level with the ground, installed by the Board at or before the sale of the lot. Enclosures of any other description are detrimental to the appearances of the cemetery, as a whole, are unnecessary, and are therefore prohibited. Enclosures around lots by hedges or grave guards will not be permitted.

The Scambler Board does not bind itself to maintain, repair, or replace any gravestone or monumental structure erected upon the lot or grave therein, nor to plant or care for flowers or ornamental plants or shrubs, nor to do any special or unusual work, nor can the Board undertake to water the lawn in the cemetery.

The Board has adopted a rule prohibiting mounds over a grave. It is almost impossible to keep grass alive and in good condition on mounds, and a smooth unbroken surface is preferred. The Board shall have the right to remove any tree, shrub, or any structure upon any lot which has, or may become by reason of age or otherwise, unsightly or detrimental to the lot upon which it is situated or any adjoining lot or walkway; and if, by reason of the absence or neglect of a lot owner, any plant or structure there on shall become unsightly, hazardous or otherwise detrimental, the Board shall have the right to cause the same to be put into safe and proper condition, according to the discretion of the Board.

The placements of memorials such as flowers, artificial flowers, etc. are to be placed at the headstone only. All artificial flowers or other designs must be removed one week after Memorial Day. All artificial flowers, etc. remaining after that date shall be removed by maintenance personnel. Flowerpots shall not exceed 24-inches in length, or 10-inches in width, and are limited to one per grave, no shrubbery shall be allowed. All flowerpots are to be removed no later than September first. All family decorations are placed at the family's own risk.

The Board shall have power and control over the planting of all flowers and shrubs.

Monuments - One monument will be allowed upon a plot. Base not to exceed two (2') feet ten (10") inches in length and fourteen (14") inches in width or thirty (30") inches overall height, base included.

Footstones - Footstones must be within the lot line and set in cement and level with existing ground. All foot markers are to be set at grass level to preclude equipment damage and must be planted within 90 days of the date of burial.

Foundations - The foundation shall be at least a minimum of four (4") inches below ground level. On all four sides, it shall project at least six (6") inches beyond the monument at ground level. All monuments must be set in a bed of cement or mortar evenly covering the foundation. The monument must be centered on the lot, the back of the monument on the west lot line and not projecting in the walkway itself.

Internments - No burial will be permitted in any lot in the cemetery until such laws and ordinances, regarding burials that may be in force in the State of Minnesota, have been complied with, and until the burial fees have been paid. Vaults are required for casket burials, but are not required for cremations.

One Body in a Grave - One body will be allowed in a grave, except in the case of mother and infant. Up to four (4) cremations will be allowed in a single grave.

Cremations -A family may be allowed to dig the ground for placement of ashes, digging at least 18-inches deep. The dirt and sod must be replaced to its original state and notify the township of the placement.

Cemetery Crimes

A.Felonies - destroying or mutilating burials or burial grounds

1. Removing human remains

B.Gross Misdemeanors

1.Removing any tombstone or monument

2.Removing any fence, railing, tree, shrub, or grave goods without permission.

MN Statute 307.08

No Green Burials Allowed at this Time

It shall be the duty of the Board to enter upon any lot or grave to prohibit, modify, or remove and dispose of any structure or object which may have been placed there in violation of any of the rules and regulations submitted; or which may be considered in their judgement to be unsightly, dangerous, or objectionable, or interferes with the cemetery operations.

The Board reserves the right to change these rules or to make such other rules as they deem necessary for the operation of the cemetery. No notice of such intended changes shall be required.

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