

TOWN OF FRANKFORT CEMETERY REGULATIONS

Town of Frankfort
Pepin County, WI

The Town of Frankfort owns and operates the Little Plum Cemetery located on Cemetery Lane near the intersection of County Road N as an open cemetery still selling plots and allowing for scattering of ashes in the new memorial garden. It was started as part of the Swedish Methodist Episcopal Church of Plum Creek in 1897. The Town of Frankfort also maintains Little Plum Lutheran Cemetery 1 mile west, behind the old Lutheran church. This cemetery was closed for burials in the mid 1980's. The township took over responsibility for this cemetery in 2019.

Cemetery grounds are devoted to honoring the memory of departed loved ones and family members; respect shown while entering and visiting the cemetery should be paramount.

Below are the Cemetery Regulations for the Town of Frankfort Little Plum Cemetery.

PURCHASING OF PLOTS/LOTS AND SCATTERING OF CREMAINS

1. A single plot shall cost \$500.00.
 - One full body and up to four remains from cremation per plot may be laid to rest in a TRADITIONAL or GREEN burial.

Regardless of the number of persons in one plot, only two headstones will be allowed and must be in alinement with the other headstones.

2. OWNERSHIP AND TRANSFER OF PLOTS

- a. Only an individual person or persons may own plots. For these regulations the term individual person includes a trust established by an individual who has the power to revoke the trust.
- b. If an owner of a plot offers the plot for sale, the owner must notify the Town Clerk in writing of the intention to sell the plot and offer it for sale to the Town of Frankfort for the original purchase price of the plot. If the Town has not exercised its option to purchase the plot within 60 days after the notice of intent to sell is delivered to the Clerk, the owner may sell the plot to a buyer qualified to own a plot under these regulations.
- c. An owner of a plot may transfer the plot by gift, by will, by the laws of interstate succession of the state of Wisconsin or as a remainder interest in a revokable trust. The owner, the personal representative of the estate of the owner or the trustee of the owner's trust shall notify the Town Clerk of the transfer in writing.

3. Only 4 plots may be purchased by one individual in their lifetime.
4. Scattering of one set of cremations shall cost \$100.00. A Pepin County permit is required.

Those wishing to purchase plots must either:

- a. Be a property owner or be a resident of the Town of Frankfort,
- b. Be a property owner or resident of Pepin County or
- c. Show a significant connection (i.e. descendent of a Town of Frankfort property owner/resident) to the cemetery.

VISITORS

1. Cemetery hours are sunrise to sunset.
2. Plants, shrubs, trees are not to be planted.
3. Existing plants, shrubs, trees are not to be removed.
4. No hunting is allowed in the cemetery.
5. No glass containers are allowed on site.
6. Dumping of garbage is prohibited and violators will be prosecuted.
7. Fresh flowers may be placed, not planted, on the gravesite itself, to be mown over with routine mowing.
8. Flowers in vases, artificial bouquets and decorations must be placed on the grave marker or monument.
9. Any flowers, decorations or other objects improperly placed will be removed.
10. All flowers, decorations or other objects will be removed by November 1st.

MONUMENTS AND MARKERS AND MEMORIAL BRICKS

1. Monuments shall be placed only if the lot is paid for in full.
2. Monuments shall be set by monument company employees, agents or other persons authorized by the lot owners. Memorial bricks will be set by the Town Clerk or authorized agent.
3. Monuments may be flat on the ground (markers) in all four sections. Upright monuments must be set flush on a cement foundation with a 5-inch margin from the outer edges of the foundation, and in line with other monuments, in sections one, two or three. Only flat markers will be allowed in section four.
4. Only one upright monument or marker and one flat marker shall be allowed per gravesite or two flat markers per gravesite in sections one, two and three. Only flat markers and not more than two on any one plot in section four shall be allowed.
5. Installers placing monuments shall provide suitable protection to prevent damage to the grounds from their vehicles. The grounds shall be left in a good condition upon completion. Anyone causing rutting or other damage to the grounds will be held liable for repair of said damage.

6. Other decorative items (as examples but not all inclusive are: shepherds hooks, planters, glow lights, sculptures, and self-standing urns) that interfere with mowing operations are prohibited.

BURIAL

1. Burials shall be made only during daylight hours.
2. Gravesites are to be opened and closed by a contractor selected by the plot owner or assisting funeral home at the expense of the owner. Gravesites should be confirmed and marked by the Clerk or authorized agent prior to digging.
3. Winter burials may be very difficult due to frozen ground or extreme winter weather conditions. If a winter burial is desired, the family of the deceased must get permission from the Town Board Chair. All expenses of the winter burial shall be paid by the family of the deceased. This may include snow removal and snow plowing of the lane.
4. All burials shall either be:
 - a. TRADITIONAL: in a non-degradable container, such as a steel or concrete casket and/or vault,
 - b. GREEN BURIAL: (in a shroud or biodegradable container without a vault.
 - c. CREMATION: Urn or other ash receptacle burial.
 - d. SCATTERING of ashes in the memorial garden.
5. Disinterment of a body will not be made without proper authority in accordance with the laws of the State of Wisconsin. Cost for disinterment will be paid for by the requester.