These regulations or policies have been prepared to maintain the general appearance of the Cold Spring Presbyterian Cemetery, Veterans, Cemetery, Mausoleum and Columbarium and to promote safety and facilitate maintenance. It is our endeavor to provide an atmosphere of inspiration, dignity and peace, and we ask your patience and cooperation to accomplish this.

Cold Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery will not be held liable for any damage to monuments, shrubs or decorations due to vandalism, accidents or storms. Please report any such damage to the Cemetery Office. The management also request that pets be kept inside vehicles when visiting the grounds. It is expected that all visitors will conduct themselves in an orderly and respectable manner.

Planting of trees and shrubs are now prohibited on gravesites due to roots and branches possibly encroaching burial sites. Please know our rules are not intended to offend anyone. They are being reinforced to maintain the aesthetics of our cemetery.



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We welcome all faith traditions offering pre-arrangements, veteran's section, in-ground, mausoleum, crypt, and niches



# COLD SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY, VETERANS' CEMETERY, MAUSOLEUM AND COLUMBARIUM Rules and Regulations

Revised November 18, 2020

#### Hello!

Welcome to one of the oldest active cemeteries in the country. Our historic Cold Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery is a treasure to be preserved, protected, and enjoyed as a lasting and honorable memorial.

The following *Rules and Regulations* have been adopted by the Cold Spring Presbyterian Church Cemetery and Grounds Team, approved by the Church's governing board, and the New Jersey Cemetery Board to maintain a pleasing and appropriate appearance, while promoting safety and facilitating maintenance on the cemetery grounds. To enable a smooth transition to these new standards, existing graves as of November 10, 2020 will be allowed a one-year transition period in which to comply.

### **Monuments (Grave Markers)**

Cemetery management reserves the right to rearrange or remove any monuments or embellishment that do not conform to regulation or have prior approval.

- a. No monument will be permitted in any section of the Cemetery without management approval and full payment of gravesite and foundation fees.
- b. All monuments must consist of granite, marble or bronze. Temporary markers provided by Funeral Homes will be removed after 6 months without specific approval. Monument companies supplied upon request. Please contact Cemetery Office by calling: 609-884-5130 or email cemetery@coldspringchurch.com.
- c. Only one upright monument is permitted per grave. Any additional flat markers or corner markers are subject to approval. In family sections, any curbing or fencing require management approval.

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## **Lot Care (Perpetual Care)**

To maintain and preserve the cemetery, perpetual care is provided which includes grass cutting, weed control, trimming, and general clean up. This does not include individual weeding or tending to areas in front of monuments. Approved decorations or plantings that impede perpetual care must be maintained by the lot owners or visitors. Sites neglected for more than 45 days are subject to total clean-up.

### **Decorations**

To ensure unobstructed grass cutting during the months May-October, grave decorations are limited to plots, preferably cleared, up to 18" immediately in front of the monuments. Use of these plots abrogates perpetual care of the areas, requiring that they be regularly maintained by friends or family of the deceased.

- a. Live floral decorations, both in-ground and potted, imbedded artificial flowers and small religious articles may be placed in the plots year-round.
- b. The following are prohibited: shrubs, trees, hedges, plastic ornaments, personal belongings of any kind, any type of bench, birdbath, concrete ornament, un-approved border, or items thought to be offensive. Existing trees are not to be decorated. Items considered to be inconsistent with the dignity of the cemetery will be removed.
- c. The cemetery reserves the right to keep all gravesites in a uniform and pleasing appearance. After a reasonable time, weathered or damaged decorations will be removed.
- d. Live floral decorations must be removed when they die. Do not dispose of unwanted decorations along our tree line, roadway or behind monuments. Please leave refuse in the designated container in front of the Field Office for disposal.
- e. During mowing season, gravesites must be kept clear. All decorations must be directly in front of the monuments. Cemetery Management is not responsible for decorations that are removed or missing. Deed holders are responsible for maintaining the appearance of their plot.
- f. Only one solar light is permitted per grave. The light must be placed in the plot in front of or next to the monument.

## **Mausoleum and Columbaria (Niches)**

To enjoy a consistent and attractive appearance in the mausoleum area, the following regulations will be maintained:

- a. Taping of cards, letters, pictures, and other items to the walls is prohibited as well as flowers and containers at the base or floor of the mausoleum and Columbaria.
- b. All crypt fronts and cremation niches will be identified by bronze plaques which will be uniform in appearance and ordered at the time of the crypt or niche purchase.
- c. Flowers must be displayed in a special bronze vase attached to the front of the crypt or niche. The vases may be purchased from and installed by the cemetery staff. For ordering assistance, please contact the Cemetery Office.
- d. Only artificial flowers may be placed in the wall vases. The flowers shall be arranged and sized so as not to encroach on their neighbors.
- e. Due to restricted space, only one floral arrangement will be permitted at the time of entombment. Cemetery personal will remove the arrangement after one week.
- f. Decorations for all holidays will be in accordance with those stated in paragraph (d). Crypt and niche owners should advise families and friends of the space limitations imposed by these regulations.
- g. Hours of visitation are the same as those in the cemetery, sunrise to sunset, every day of the year.

## **Veterans Cemetery**

- a. Fresh cut flowers are only permitted in bronze Eaton ground vases which may be purchased through the Cemetery Office. These are invertible vases which should be turned down flush with the ground when not in use. All other plants or decorations will be removed.
- b. Flowers will be removed every month as they die or become unattractive.
- c. Statues, eternal (vigil) lights, glass objects and other items inconsistent with the dignity of the Veterans Cemetery will be removed immediately.
- d. Trees are not permitted to be planted without permission from Cemetery Management.
- e. Trees are not to be decorated in any manner.
- f. Planting of perennial or annual flowers are prohibited.