

OTSEGO LAKE TOWNSHIP CEMETERY RULES

Absolutely NO burials are to take place without prior authorization from the Township Clerk. This includes cremains burials. No cremains are to be scattered or disbursed within the Township Cemetery.

All monuments require prior authorization from the Township Clerk before being placed on a grave and must conform to the Otsego Lake Township Cemetery Ordinance.

No grading, levelling or excavating on a burial space shall be allowed without the written permission of the Township Clerk.

No real flowers, shrubs, trees or vines are to be planted. No alcohol or tobacco are to put on any burial lot.

Flowers, decorations, emblems and other personal items will be removed from the graves if such items become unsightly or interfere with cemetery maintenance. It must be within 3 inches of the headstone's foundation and only between May 1st through October 1st of each year. The Township Clerk reserves the right to remove all floral designs, flowers, trees, shrubs, plants or herbage of any kind whether real or artificial, from the cemetery as soon as they do not conform to the decorum of the cemetery, in the judgement of the Township Clerk. Decorative stones or rocks are prohibited. NO glass containers are allowed. No fencing or borders of any kind are allowed on a burial space. Otsego Lake Township reserves the right to remove or trim any tree, plant or shrubs located within the cemetery in the interest of maintaining proper appearance and use of the cemetery.

Mounds, gardening apparatus and anything else that may hinder the free use of a lawn mower are subject to removal by the Township.

Surface other than earth or sod are prohibited.

Any items that are placed or remain in violation of this provision shall be considered abandoned and may be removed and disposed of at the direction of the Township Clerk.

Further information is available from the Otsego Lake Township Clerk. Phone 989-732-6929 Ext 3. Office hours at the Otsego Lake Township Hall are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The physical address of the Otsego Lake Township Hall is 10616 South Old 27 in Waters.

These rules were approved by the Otsego Lake Township Board on June 19, 2025