

FAIRFIELD CEMETERY – FAIRFIELD, WASHINGTON
RULES AND REGULATIONS

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GRAVESITES

1. Gravesites should be sold in occupied lots before a new area is opened if possible.
2. Because this is a community cemetery there will be a specified section for ones out of the area with no local family ties. The specified lots are 31, 32, 33, and 34. This area will be enlarged as needed.
3. The Fairfield Cemetery Association shall not purchase lots back after they are sold.
4. When a lot owner sells a lot the charge can be no more than the original price paid for it. This is a state law.
5. Lot abandonment: follow the state guidelines

BURIALS AND STONES

6. Headstones must be aligned and set on a base flush with the ground, 6” wider on all sides to allow for mowing.
7. Only one upright headstone is allowed on a gravesite. Gravesites run east to west and the headstone is to be located at the west end of the gravesite. There may be two other stones on the 4’ x 8’ site, flush with the ground.
8. Cremation burials: there may be 2 urn burials over a casket burial, or 3 urn burials on a gravesite. A minimum of 2’ depth is required for urn burials. The urn shall be placed under the headstone or directly behind the stone if the stone is already in place.
9. The Cemetery is not responsible for upkeep of stones, markers or concrete.
10. Memorial stones (for ones not buried in the cemetery): The sexton must be contacted ahead of time, and rule 8 must be followed on placement of the stone. There is a \$50 fee and the name will be listed in the directory, clearly indicating it as a memorial stone and that there is no burial.
11. The sexton receives \$25 for marking all gravesites, headstones and cremations.
12. There shall be no excavations on any gravesite prior to marking by the sexton.
13. The funeral home and/or family will be responsible for all costs incurred for snow removal for burials during the winter. Only designated snow removal contractors can be used (to prevent damage to the cemetery.) Arrangements must be made directly with the Town of Fairfield and Sexton for approved snow removal contractors and permission to remove snow.

PLANTING AND DECORATIONS

14. No new plantings of trees or shrubs will be allowed in or around the cemetery without the approval of the Cemetery Board.

15. Glass and wire are dangerous for mowing and should not be used. Hazardous decorations will be removed.
16. Graves may be decorated by the Cemetery Association before Memorial Day if volunteers and donated artificial flowers are available. No money from cemetery funds is to be spent for this purpose.
17. All dead flowers and weather worn, unsightly decorations may be removed at any time. Also if flowers or decorations hamper mowing they may be removed.
18. Flags, furnished by the Cemetery Association may be placed on all known Veteran's graves before Memorial Day. They will be removed after July 4th.
19. All burials including urns must have a concrete container or equivalent.
20. No interment will be permitted, nor shall anybody be received for burial, unless a proper Transit Burial Certificate is furnished to the Town of Fairfield and /or sexton setting forth the name of the deceased at the time of his or her death, and the time and place of death.
21. No interment or disinterment shall be made unless under supervision by the sexton.
22. Anyone transporting a vault or gravebox into the cemetery must check with the sexton for instructions on placing the vault or gravebox.
23. All monuments, headstones or markers shall be placed and set in a manner that meets the approval of the sexton.