

**Marcellus Township  
Cemetery Ordinance  
(Section 8 — Ground Maintenance)**

A. No grading, leveling, edging, landscaping or excavating upon a burial space shall be allowed.

B. No shrubs or trees shall be planted without approval of the cemetery sexton and unauthorized shrubs and trees will be removed. Planting of live flowers is permitted (Sec. 8 F).

C. The township board reserves the right to remove or trim any tree, plant or shrub located within the cemetery in the interest of maintaining the proper appearance and use of the cemetery.

D. Mounds which hinder the operation of a lawn mower or other gardening device are prohibited.

E. Surfaces other than earth or sod are prohibited.

F. Only live and artificial flowers and certain flags (Sec. 8 G) may be displayed. Flowers shall be planted within 6" in front (east) and within 6" on north and south ends of the monument or in permanent urns approved by the cemetery sexton. Nothing shall be placed or planted on the west side of the monument.

Artificial flowers shall be firmly anchored in container or ground. Any other articles, such as examples of which are bird houses, glass containers, porcelain statuary, shepherd hooks, solar lights, stuffed toys and dolls, Styrofoam articles, wind chimes and/or windsocks are not allowed.

Live flowers, artificial arrangements, and remembrances may be placed on gravesites for up to ten (10) days after interment. After ten (10) days the cemetery sexton shall remove all remembrances and any unsightly live flowers.

G. American flags placed by the VFW for Memorial Day observance shall be removed the day after Flag Day. Individual flags, American or Armed Services service flags, may be placed at the head of gravesites from Memorial Day through Veterans Day. No other flags shall be permitted.

H. The cemetery sexton shall have the authority to remove flowers and containers creating a maintenance problem, and to remove unauthorized articles.

I. There shall be two (2) cemetery cleanups per year to be determined by the cemetery sexton; notice of times shall be advertised in the local newspaper.

J. The township of Marcellus shall not be liable for any theft, vandalism, abuse or other loss occurring at the cemetery.