

Catawba Island Township Cemetery Rules

Adopted by the Township Trustees September 10, 2019

Headstones:

Foundation orders for headstones and monuments will be taken throughout the year. However, the foundations will only be ordered and set by Catawba Island Township employees, for a fee, during the months of April and September of each year.

General:

Winter decorations (i.e. wreaths, grave blankets, etc.) will be allowed November 1 to the end of February and should be properly secured. Decorations left after the end of February will be removed.

Artificial and potted plants may be placed only one week before Easter, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Veterans Day and must be removed one week after the holiday. Artificial flowers are permitted at any time if attached to headstones in such a manner as to permit mowing and trimming. All flower "saddles" should have grave names on them in the event they are blown off.

Shepherd hooks are permitted when placed close to the head stone and high enough as not to obstruct the mowing of grass.

No grave decorations, such as lawn ornaments, fences, toys, glass or plastic containers or statues, will be permitted. No plastic urns or planters will be allowed.

Decorating around the headstones with marble chips, stones, wood chips, bricks, etc., is not permitted, as they are hazardous to our maintenance equipment and personnel.

Decorations are not permitted in trees or shrubs.

The township maintenance supervisor may approve urns and planters made of concrete, clay, or stone (12 inch in diameter maximum), with the appropriate concrete base. Placement must be in line with monuments as to not interfere with cemetery maintenance. Stepping stones, concrete statues, and crosses may also be approved on a case by case basis.

Arrangements will be removed when they are not properly maintained and become unsightly.

Permanent planting of trees, shrubs and flowers shall be permitted only with the permission of the Township Trustees.

Catawba Island Township is not responsible for items placed on any grave site, however, if items are identified by name, personnel will make an attempt to return decorations to grave if blown away.

Driving or parking on the grass of the cemetery is prohibited.

No pets are allowed in the cemetery.

No interment of cremated animals will be permitted in the cemetery.

Columbarium:

Only cemetery personnel are allowed to open niches.

No ornamental items may be placed outside of or be attached to the niches.

Flowers may be used in the vase provided by the township and displayed on the niche. Flowers will be removed when they become unsightly.