



Town of West Brookfield
Pine Grove Cemetery
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Pine Grove Cemetery Rules and Regulations

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1. **The Cemetery is open** to the public during the hours of - 8:00 a.m. to dusk.

2. **Grave Lots:**

As a historical note: At the September 7, 1995, cemetery meeting, a motion was passed stating that in order to purchase a lot in Pine Grove Cemetery: 1) a person has to presently live in West Brookfield, 2) have previously lived in West Brookfield, or, 3) is or has been an employee of the Town of West Brookfield.

- a. Grave Prices: \$600.00* for a single grave, which includes the perpetual care.
- b. Extra burials are permitted in a single grave lot if there is room.
- c. Six cremations are allowed per single grave. (Standard size urn / vault)
- d. Plantings and upright gravestones are not permitted in section five of the Pine Grove Cemetery. Only flat stone markers are permitted in section five.
- e. Any greenery added to a lot must be taken care of by the owner/requester or they will be removed from the cemetery.
- f. No fertilizing of lots without permission of the commission.

3. **Burials:**

1. Opening for a full burial vault - \$500.00*
2. Opening for a cremation - \$150.00*
3. Cremation vault - \$60.00*

*The prices are subject to change

- a. The Mass. Gen. Law requires cremations to be placed in concrete vaults or urns that meet endurance standards. Wood or corrugated containers are not permitted for cremations.
- b. Only strong domed top vaults are allowed. No flat tops, sectional vaults, or grave boxes are permitted.
- c. Winter burials are at the discretion of the Cemetery Commission. The commission reserves this right in case of severe cold, frozen ground, and/or possible amounts of the snow and ice. In the case of an emergency the commission will call a special meeting to make the decision to bury or not. There will not be any winter burials in section five, due to flat markers in this area. Winter storage vaults are free of charge for cemeteries in the town.

4. **Foundations:**

- a. Cost of \$50.00* per square foot with a \$75.00* minimum. Fees are to be paid in advance.
- b. Foundations and installation of veteran's markers are done free of charge.

5. **Gravestones:**

- a. One headstone per lot not to exceed in size or height any existing headstones in the section.
- b. All foot markers are to be flat except in a lot that already has raised headstone markers.
- c. All stones in section five are to be flat.

6. **Flowers and Baskets:**

- a. All live flowers are to be removed from the gravesite after they have wilted.
- b. All other items on the lots must be removed for spring and fall clean ups. Clean ups are scheduled for the second week of April and last week of October. Items remaining on the gravesite during these times will be put in the trash.