



Williams Charter Township
1080 W. Midland Road
Auburn, Michigan 48611

PINE GROVE CEMETERY Rules and Regulations

- Grounds are open from dawn until dusk.
- Maintenance of turf, shrubbery, and tree trimming shall be performed by cemetery personnel. The Township reserves the right to prune and/or remove trees or shrubs that encroach upon adjacent lots.
- Cemetery personnel shall remove funeral designs and floral pieces as soon as they become unsightly; and assume no responsibility for their return.
- All burials shall be made in vaults or concrete rough boxes. Cremains require a container suitable for burial. A copy of the burial transit permit shall be required for all burials, including cremains.
- All monuments and markers must be made of granite, bronze, or other equally durable composition and require a foundation. Secondary grave markers that are to be placed “in between” headstone rows must be flush with the ground so as to not interfere with cemetery maintenance.
- Monument and Marker Foundations shall be paid for in advance according to the fee schedule as approved by the Township Board. Foundations are poured in alignment with when water at the cemetery is available (seasonal).
- Pedestal type benches only may be used as headstones and placed within the headstone rows, but they cannot require a foundation/slab any wider than 14 inches and cannot be any longer than what is allowed within single and double lots as listed within the township cemetery pricing policy. Secondary decorative benches, that sit in between headstone rows, will not be allowed as those will interfere with maintenance.
- Animals are permitted in the cemetery on a leash or confined within the vehicle. Interment of animals is strictly prohibited.
- Landscaping stone, wood chips, edging, bricks, patio blocks, Styrofoam, glass containers, balloons, and toys **are prohibited**.
- WINTER PERIOD NOVEMBER 1 TO MARCH 15 Grave blankets and other types of winter decorations are allowed during this time. Any winter decorations remaining after March 15 will be removed and disposed by cemetery personnel.

- SUMMER PERIOD APRIL 1 TO OCTOBER 15 Flowers may be planted within 10 inches of grave marker and may not encroach on adjacent spaces or interfere with cemetery maintenance. Summer items remaining after October 15 will be removed and disposed by cemetery personnel.
- One hanging plant holder (Shepherd's hook) or one ring stand is permitted per lot and shall not hold more than one container. It must be placed in a manner that does not interfere with cemetery maintenance.
- Artificial flowers shall not be placed directly into the ground. They may be placed in an urn if they are properly secured. Unsecured artificial flowers will be removed.
- The Township reserves the right to remove and dispose of, without notice to the owner, any unsightly, deteriorated, neglected, or prohibited items except monuments or markers. Items deemed inappropriate by cemetery personnel will be removed without notice.
- The Township shall not be responsible for the theft or damage to anything placed on cemetery spaces or graves.
- All transfers of burial rights shall be made through the Township Clerk's office. No other transfers are allowed and will not be recognized by the township.
- The possession of a burial right certificate is not of itself sufficient evidence on which to record the transfer of ownership of a space. Legal right to ownership should be established with either a certified copy of a will or with evidence of probate proceedings, listing ownership of the cemetery spaces.

Adopted by the Williams Charter Township Board of Trustees on September 12, 2023