



DENTON TOWNSHIP CEMETERY

Located at 4061 West Nestel Road, Houghton Lake, MI 48629
For Cemetery information, call Denton Township Clerk's Office at (989)366-5913

(Prices updated April, 2019)

CEMETERY LOT PRICES

All regular lots	Township Resident	\$150.00
	Township Non-Resident	\$750.00
All cremation lots (Blocks A - L)	Township Resident	\$ 75.00
	Township Non-Resident	\$200.00

OPEN/CLOSE FEES

Open/Close - Full burial	\$475.00 – Monday thru Friday. NO BURIALS WEEKENDS OR HOLIDAYS.
Open/Close - Cremation <u>with vault</u>	\$325.00 – Monday thru Friday. Vault CANNOT be any larger than 12 inches square. No cremation vaults allowed in <u>cremation</u> blocks A thru K. Urns only.
Open/Close - Cremation <u>without vault</u> (urn only)	\$175.00 – Monday thru Friday.

No cardboard boxes allowed for cremains. Other temporary containers made of plastic, etc., are allowed, but the township is not responsible for deterioration of container if ever the ashes need to be exhumed.

*Starting May 5, 2011, a 12" x 12" x 1.5" square cement stone will be placed on top of each cremains container before the hole is filled. This will help in locating the cremains in the future, if needed.

All memorials/headstone placement must be approved by the Township appointed Sexton or the Denton Township Board. Please call (989) 366-5913 for further details. If a monument or headstone needs to be moved, the cost will be incurred by the cemetery lot owner/family.

Disinterment - Full casket - \$900.00 ~ Cremation - \$200.00

Winter Burials - \$1,200.00

(Cut-off date for Fall burials: November 10th or at the discretion of the Sexton).

All burials must be schedule for Monday through Friday, between 9am and 2pm. **No weekend or holiday burials.**

FUNERAL HOMES: Our Sexton requires a 48-hour notice for all burials. Please keep this in mind as you talk with your families. Contact the township office at (989) 366-5913 ext. #201 to verify lot numbers and to schedule a burial date/time that works for all involved PRIOR to scheduling with the family.

Deceased persons from the winter months retained in storage in the chapel awaiting spring burial:

All bodies that have been placed in storage during the winter months MUST be buried or removed from chapel storage by JUNE 1. NO EXCEPTIONS. (See rule #34)

**Prices are subject to change by Order of the Denton Township Board.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

PURPOSE

1. These Rules and regulations are designed for the protection of owners of interment rights as a group. They are intended, not as restraining but rather as preventing the inconsiderate from taking unfair advantage of others. Their enforcement will help protect your Cemetery and create and preserve its beauty. These rules and regulations are hereby adopted as the rules and regulations of the Cemetery and all owners of interment rights, visitors, and contractors performing work within the Cemetery shall be subject to said rules and regulations, amendments or alterations as shall be adopted by the cemetery from time to time.

DEFINITIONS

2. The term "Owner" shall mean the owner of right of interment.
3. The term "interment" shall mean cremation and inurnment, entombment or burial of the remains of a deceased person.
4. The term "memorial" shall mean any marker or structure upon or in any lot or niche, placed thereupon or therein or partially therein for the purpose of identification or in memory of the interred.
5. The term "contractor" as used in these rules and regulations shall mean any person, firm or corporation or anyone engaged in placing, erecting or repairing any memorial or performing any work in the Cemetery grounds, other than an employee of the Cemetery.
6. The governing board of the Cemetery shall be the Denton Township Board.

OWNERSHIP

7. Interment rights shall be used for no other purpose than the burial of the human dead.
8. If an Owner of a cemetery lot finds they no longer need it, the Cemetery may refund to the Owner the original purchase price, and the lot shall revert back to the Cemetery.
9. This Cemetery reserves the right to compel all persons coming into the Cemetery to obey all rules and regulations adopted by the Cemetery. The rules and regulations may be changed without notice to any Owner by the Denton Township Board.

10. The Cemetery shall take reasonable precaution to protect Owners, and the property rights of Owners, within the Cemetery, from loss or damage; but it distinctly disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage from causes beyond its reasonable control and especially, from damage caused by the elements, an act of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, trickers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasion, insurrections, riots, or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be directed or collateral, other than as herein provided.
11. The Cemetery reserves, and shall have, the right to correct any errors that may be made by it either in making interments, disinterments or removals, or in the inscriptions, transfer, or conveyance and substituting and conveying in lieu thereof other interment rights of equal value and similar location as far as possible, or as may be selected by the Cemetery or, in the sole discretion of the Cemetery, by refunding the amount of money paid on account of said purchase. In the event such error shall involve the interment of the remains of any person in such property, the Cemetery reserves and shall have the right to remove and transfer such remains so interred to such other property of equal value and similar location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof. The Cemetery shall also have the right to correct any errors made by placing an improper description, including an incorrect name or date either on the memorial or on the container for cremated remains.
12. Person within the Cemetery grounds shall use only the avenues, walkways and roads.
13. The speed limit in the cemetery shall be no greater than fifteen miles per hour, and no person shall either ride or drive upon the lawns.
14. The right to enlarge, reduce, replat or change the boundaries or grading of the Cemetery or of a section or sections, from time to time, including the right to modify or change the locations of/or any part thereof or remove or regrade roads, drives and walks, is hereby expressly reserved. The right to lay, maintain and operate, alter or change pipe lines or gutters for sprinkling systems, drainage, lakes, etc., is also expressly reserved, as well as is the right to use Cemetery property, not sold to individual owners, for Cemetery purposes, including the interring and preparing for interment of dead human bodies, or for anything necessary, incidental or convenient thereto. The Cemetery reserves to itself and to those lawfully entitled thereto, a perpetual right to ingress and egress over lots for the purpose of passage to and from other lots.

SALE AND PURCHASE OF INTERMENT RIGHTS

15. The purchase of more than four (4) lots to any family (man & wife) must have the approval of the Denton Township Board.
16. The subdivision of interment rights is not allowed without the consent of the Denton Township Board and no one shall be buried in any lot not having an interest therein, except by written consent of all parties interested in such lot and of the Cemetery.
17. All grading, landscape work, and other improvements of any kind, and all care of lots shall be done by Denton Township. Trees, shrubs, and herbage of any kind shall be planted, trimmed, cut or removed by the Cemetery Sexton. All openings and closings of

lots, and all interments, disinterments, and removals shall be made by the Cemetery Sexton.

18. No enclosure of any kind such as a fence, hedge, or ditch, shall be permitted around any grave or lot. Grave mounds, ornamental stones or other decorative ground cover will not be allowed and no lot shall be raised above the established grade.
19. Interment rights can be purchased in this Cemetery only with the written approval of the Denton Township Board, and subject to the rules and regulations of said Cemetery now or hereafter adopted for the government of the Cemetery, and for the purpose of interment only.
20. No interment rights or contracts for the purpose of interment rights can be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged or hypothecated without the written approval of the Denton Township Board.
21. The Cemetery may exchange interment rights when desired by Owners, but not for interment rights of lesser value. When such an exchange is made, the original conveyance must be surrendered by proper assignment, or by reconveyance, if considered necessary, before any change is affected.
22. Each Owner is vested with the ownership of his or her interment right for the sole purpose of interment of human dead bodies. Under the regulations of the Cemetery the interment rights cannot be conveyed without the assent of the Township, nor any use, division or improvements of them be made which the Cemetery prohibits, or may deem improper. The Owner of interment rights may dispose of same by will, subject to the foregoing conditions. If the Owner dies intestate, the interment will descend to his or her heirs according to the laws of descent.
23. No conditional or partial transfer of interment rights and no sale of an undivided interest, except to a person or persons who are already part-owners, will be recorded, as the Cemetery cannot be responsible for the carrying out of the intent of the grantor. No burial shall be made on any lot until the purchaser shall have paid on the interment rights therein the amount required by the Cemetery.
24. The general care of the entire Cemetery grounds and lots is assumed by the Cemetery.
25. The Denton Township Board shall direct generally all improvements within the grounds and upon all lots and graves, before as well as after interments have been made therein. They shall have charge of the sodding, surveying and improvements generally.
26. No person other than the proper employees of the Cemetery and pre-approved vendors shall be allowed to perform any work within the Cemetery.
27. If any memorial, or any structure whatsoever, or any inscription to be placed on same, shall be determined by the Sexton/Denton Township Board, to be offensive, they shall have the right and it shall be their duty, to enter upon such lot and remove, change or correct the offensive or improper object or objects.

28. If any tree, shrub or plant standing upon any lot, by means of its roots, branches or otherwise, be or become detrimental to adjacent lots or avenues, or if for any other reason its removal is deemed necessary, the Cemetery shall have the right and it shall be their duty, to remove such tree, shrub or plant, or any part thereof, or otherwise correct the condition existing as in their judgment seems best.
29. No person shall pluck or remove any plant or flower, either wild or cultivated, from any part of the Cemetery.

FUNERAL REGULATIONS

30. Funerals, after entering the gates, shall be subject to the directions of the authorized employees of the Cemetery.
31. Notice of 48 working hours before the announced time of the funeral will be required. Exceptions to this rule will be made only in cases of death from a contagious disease or when so ordered by the authorized Denton Township Board.
32. When a removal is to be made from a single grave to another, the formerly occupied single grave space and all rights therein revert to the Cemetery. If no steel or concrete vault has been used for this interment, one must be furnished; if there is a steel or concrete vault and same is in removal condition, charge for removal of vault must be paid in advance. Arrangements for the vault removal must be made by someone other than the Cemetery. Application for removal permit must be signed by next of kin and properly notarized prior to time of removal.
33. The burial of two bodies in one grave will not be permitted except where one occupies a space less than three feet in length. One (1) additional urn of cremains is allowed at a later date with full body burial, although NO full burial will be allowed where there are already cremains buried. The grave may not have more than one (1) raised headstone. All other headstones must be flush to the ground.
34. All bodies that have been placed into storage in the Denton Township Cemetery Chapel during the winter months MUST be buried or removed by JUNE 1st of each year. NO EXEPTIONS.
35. If, and as when no provision has been made for interment space and it becomes necessary to place the remains temporarily in the chapel for storage, it may remain there, subject to the sanitary code. Bodies not in a decomposed or offensive condition may be placed in the chapel for storage at all times, but the length of time they will be permitted to remain in all cases be determined by the Cemetery. (See #34) The Cemetery reserves the right of interment, whenever it may appear necessary. A diligent attempt will be made to notify the nearest of kin twenty-four hours in advance, but this shall in no case prevent the Cemetery from going forward with interment.
36. The storage area in the chapel was designed chiefly for the temporary safety of bodies therein, and at times contains many such bodies, hence for obvious reasons, it is deemed unwise for unauthorized people to enter therein. The remains of any person who died of contagious disease will not be permitted in the storage area, except when

placed in a hermetically sealed casket. In case of doubt on the part of the Cemetery to the nature of the disease, satisfactory evidence from the attending physician or otherwise will be required.

37. The remains of any person who died at a time the Denton Township Board determines internment impractical, shall be stored in the storage area in the chapel until such time that it is practical to bury the remains in the ground. If interment is required at an impractical time, the interment fee will be \$1,200.00.
38. All headstones are required to be set in a cement foundation with no less than a four (4) inch border. All foundations and headstones must stay within the dimensions of the lot. Benches are prohibited to be used as a grave marker (headstone/monument).

GENERAL REGULATIONS

39. No boxes, shells, toys, discarded glassware, sprinkling cans, receptacles, or similar articles will be permitted on any grave, lot or tree.
40. The Cemetery is not responsible for theft or damage to anything placed on graves or lots.
41. Concrete or metal vaults approved by the Cemetery shall be used for all full burials. Cremation burials do not require a vault. *Exceptions:* Children and infant vaults -The vault must be approved by Cemetery.
42. Any person desiring to remove a body from the grave space for another must present a written permit signed by the Owner for such removal, and also himself sign a request to have such removal made, and removal must be done by the Cemetery Sexton. These shall remain on file in the office of the Cemetery.
43. No bench, chair, or any trellis, shall be permitted to be or be brought upon the grounds without the consent of the Sexton.
44. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the Cemetery except by the public gates, which will be open during such daylight hours as are specified by the Denton Township Board.
45. Any person found on the grounds after dark will be considered a trespasser.
46. All persons are strictly forbidden to break or injure any tree or shrub, or mar any landmark, marker or memorial or in any way deface the grounds of the Cemetery.
47. No money shall be paid the attendants at the entrance or on the grounds. The employees are regularly employed and paid by the Township. All orders, inquiries and complaints must be left at the Denton Township Clerk's Office.
48. All persons are reminded that the grounds are sacredly devoted to the burial of the dead and that the provisions and penalties of the law, as provided by statute, will be strictly enforced in all cases of wanton injury, disturbance and disregard of the rules.

49. It is of utmost importance that there should be a strict observance of all the proprieties due the place, whether embraced in the foregoing regulations or not, as no impropriety will be tolerated.
50. All well-disposed persons will confer a favor by informing the Sexton/Denton Township Board of any breach of proper decorum that may come under their notice.
51. Touch nothing in the Cemetery that does not belong to you. This is the only safe rule to adopt in visiting this Cemetery.
52. No person or persons, other than an employee of the Cemetery, shall be permitted to bring or carry fire-arms within the Cemetery except a Military Guard of Honor, only when in the charge of an Officer and during a Military Service.
53. All work and all planting of any kind on all lots and graves are strictly prohibited. Cut flowers may be used at any time.
54. The Cemetery reserves the right to remove all flowers, potted plants, summer and winter wreaths and blankets or baskets of flowers when they become withered, or for any other reason, and the Sexton is ordered to make such removals when in his judgment it is to the best interests of the Cemetery.
55. The Cemetery may, and it hereby expressly reserves the right, at any time or times, with or without notice to Owners, to adopt new rules and regulations, or to amend, alter, and/or repeal any rule, regulation and/or article, section, paragraph and/or sentence in these Rules and Regulations.
56. Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. The Cemetery therefore reserves the right, without notice, to make exceptions, suspensions or modifications in any of the Rules and Regulations when, in its judgment, the same appear advisable; and such temporary exceptions, suspensions or modification shall in no way be construed as affecting the general applications of such.

*These rules and Regulations adopted at a regular meeting held September 11, 1967.
(Last updated and revised on April 26, 2021.)
Original Rules and Regulations on file in the Clerk's Office.*

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