

Lyndon Center Cemetery



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LYNDON, VT

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Rules of Operation

Hours and Season of Operation

Lyndon Center Cemetery will be open from dawn until dusk (or 8 p.m.) generally from May 1st through November 1st, and after November 1st as weather permits. Dates subject to change at the discretion of the Town of Lyndon Selectboard (“Lyndon Selectboard”) or their designee.

Enforcement of Regulations

The Lyndon Selectboard or their designee shall be responsible for the enforcement of all rules and regulations herein incorporated or adopted at any time by the Lyndon Selectboard, and for maintaining good order and decorum on the cemetery grounds.

The Lyndon Selectboard, or their designee may take such action as may be necessary, although not expressly authorized by the rules, in order to protect the property of lot owners or the cemetery from damage and to preserve good order on the cemetery grounds.

No person shall in any burial ground or cemetery, disturb, mutilate or destroy a tree, shrub, vine, flower, tomb, monument or fence, or steal or, without the consent of the owner or the Lyndon Selectboard or their designee, take and carry away a tree, shrub, vine, flower, vase, pot or other vessel used for flowers and plants, or any other thing placed in any burial ground or cemetery for ornamental use.

A violation of this section shall be punishable as provided for in Title 13 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated. Any police officer may issue a citation for violation of these ordinances.

Purchase & Payment

Purchase of Lots

All lots can be purchased through the Town Clerk’s Office in the Town of Lyndon, for the following fees:

<u>Lot</u>	<u>Resident</u>	<u>Nonresident</u>
Single Occupant	\$300.00	\$600.00
Cremation	\$250.00	\$500.00

The purchase of the lot entitles the purchaser to perpetual care as provided by the workers of the cemetery under the supervision of the Lyndon Selectboard or their designee. Care of the lot shall include a well-kept lawn and such repairs to the stone, or other improvements, as the fund may permit.

Burial fees are as follows:

Burial:	Weekday	\$500.00
	Weekend and Holiday	\$100.00 extra
	Infant	\$100.00
Urn:	Weekday	\$175.00
	Weekend and Holiday	\$ 25.00 extra
Winter fees:	Off Season Burials	\$250.00 (plus costs)
	Off Season Urns	\$250.00 (plus costs)

Payment Prior to Interment

All lots shall be paid in full before any interment shall be permitted. Arrangements for the purchase of lots can be made with the Cemetery Sexton. A Perpetual Care Agreement will be issued to the purchaser upon payment and approval of the Lyndon Selectboard.

Use of Lots to Third Parties

Lot owners desiring to allow the interment of other bodies, including members of their own immediate family, shall give a written statement signed by the lot owner or legal representative to the Lyndon Selectboard, or their designee.

Authority to Increase Fees

When necessary, in order that the cemetery be self-sustaining, the Lyndon Selectboard may change the prices of lots in the cemetery and fix prices thereof.

Similarly, the Lyndon Selectboard may change the price of burial fees and fix new prices thereof.

Burial Sites

Single occupant lot size is 4½ feet wide by 12 feet long. There will only be one casket burial, or a maximum of four (4) urns per single occupant lot.

Cremation lot size is 4 feet wide by 4 feet long. And is limited to four (4) containers per lot.

Monuments, Markers or Improvements

Size of Monuments

Monuments shall be no larger than 36 inches high or 42 inches long per single occupant lot.

Markers for single occupant or cremation lots shall not be over 24 inches long, and must be set flat.

Foundation Requirements

All monuments shall be set with a proper foundation. The Lyndon Selectboard has the authority to change such requirements as necessary, however, at the present time, all foundations must be a minimum of 36 inches in depth and the length and width of the foundation must be equal or greater than the size of the base of the monument.

The Lyndon Selectboard or their designee will monitor the installation of foundations.

Cornerstones

Corner markers are mandatory and shall not exceed 6" square. The corner markers shall be set flush with the grade and placed at time of purchase. Corner markers will be provided by the Town at no cost, or can be purchased by lot owner(s) at their own expense.

Monuments

All monuments shall be made of stone.

Resetting of Stones or Markers

Any monument or marker heretofore set that has no foundation and becomes out of place may be reset with a proper foundation at the discretion of the Lyndon Selectboard.

Removal of Cemetery Stones

Notification of the removal of cemetery stones for inscription or other purposes must be provided to the Cemetery Sexton 48 hours prior to the removal of the stone.

Above-Ground Structures

No vault or other above-ground structure shall be built or erected except by special permission of the Lyndon Selectboard, after plans for same have been submitted to and approved by said Board.

Enclosures

No enclosure of any cemetery lot by a fence, hedge or curbing shall be hereafter allowed.

If any enclosure heretofore made shall become dilapidated, the Lyndon Selectboard is hereby authorized to have it removed.

Funerals & Interments

All funerals shall be under the control and subject to the direction of the Lyndon Selectboard or their designee while in the cemetery.

Notice & Permission for Interment

Adequate notice of any interment shall be given, usually a minimum of two (2) days.

All Funeral Directors shall be required to present the burial permit as required by law to the Lyndon Selectboard or their designee prior to any interment.

All Funeral Directors shall be required to present payment in full for all cemetery charges at the time of interment. The Funeral Director will be apprised of balance due 24 hours prior to interment.

Individuals requesting a private burial (without going through a Funeral Director), shall be required to present a burial transit permit or certificate of cremation and death certificate as required by law to the Lyndon Selectboard or their designee prior to any interment.

Individuals shall be required to present payment in full for all cemetery charges prior to interment. Individuals will be apprised of balance due 24 hours prior to interment.

All openings of graves and all interments shall be made under the direction of the Lyndon Selectboard or their designee.

Off season burials require significant additional preparation and expense. Permission must be obtained from the Lyndon Selectboard or their designee.

Vault Design Requirements

Every earth interment other than a burial of cremains will be made in a concrete container or bronze receptacle of 12 gauge or better in addition to the casket. The structural design and vault installation must be approved by the Lyndon Selectboard or their designee. All vaults must have a cover made in one piece and be properly seated prior to completion of the interment.

Landscaping & Flowers

Care of Lots

The grass on lots shall be cut regularly by the workers of the cemetery under the direction of the Cemetery Sexton.

Trees & Shrubs

There shall be no permanent plantings without approval by the Lyndon Selectboard or their designee.

Native memory trees and shrubs can be planted in designated areas upon approval of the Lyndon Selectboard or their designee. Barberries, roses and other plants with thorns or briars will not be considered.

Donations can be made for trees or shrubs to be planted in designated areas.

Flowers

The planting of flowers (annuals or perennials) in beds is allowed and shall be contained within 14" of the front face of the base of the monument.

Water is available in the cemetery during the hours and seasons of operation, or as weather permits.

Floral Arrangements

No limit is placed on the number of floral arrangements allowed to remain at the grave site after a burial. Floral designs and cut flowers shall be removed from lots by the owner as they become unsightly.

Gardeners, lot owners or others employed by them to plant flowers or place bouquets or wreaths shall remove all rubbish once the project is complete.

Unsightly floral bouquets, cut flowers or wreaths, will be removed by workers of the cemetery at the Sexton's discretion, if not done in a timely manner.

Glass containers are prohibited on the grounds of the cemetery.

Other Commemoratives

Plastic flowers are prohibited.

Silk flowers will be allowed.

The placement of photographs, ribbons or other mementos is discouraged. The Lyndon Selectboard or their designee will review and approve prior to placement. Objects interfering with the maintenance of the cemetery grounds will be removed by the workers.

Christmas trees are not allowed.

Natural wreaths are not allowed.

Plastic wreaths or other objects made of plastic are not allowed.

If anything shall be placed on any lot in violation of this chapter, the Lyndon Selectboard or their designee shall have the right to remove such object and dispose of it.

Damage

Any damage that may be done to driveways within the cemetery by any vehicle drawing monuments or any other materials shall be repaired by the contractor, or the expense of repairs shall be charged to the owner of the lots responsible for the work.

Owners and drivers of motor vehicles shall be responsible for any damage done by them to trees, shrubs or lots, or for damages to any monuments or other structures through their own carelessness or that of their employees.

Dogs

Dogs are allowed in the cemetery as long as the dog is on a leash and dog feces is cleaned up and disposed of properly.

Other Information

Removal/Disinterment

No disinterment or removal of any body shall be allowed except as provided for by Title 10 of the Vermont Statutes Annotated.

Infectious Diseases

The cemetery shall comply with all regulations and recommendations of the Vermont Department of Health regarding the burial of bodies or individuals who have died of infectious or contagious disease.

Conduct

Disorderly conduct shall not be permitted within the cemetery grounds at any time. Violators shall leave the ground immediately upon the request of the Lyndon Selectboard or their designee.

Speed Limit

The speed limit in the cemetery shall not exceed 10 mph for all vehicles.

Prohibited Conveyances

No skateboards, snowmobiles, ATVs or rollerblades will be permitted inside the cemetery grounds.

Firearms

Firearms shall not be permitted within or near the cemetery grounds or any monuments or stone, excepting that hunters may pass through the cemetery carrying firearms or for official military services.

Children

Every child under the age of 14 years within the cemetery grounds shall be attended by an adult who will be responsible for the child's conduct.

Contact Us

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