

Cemetery Minimum Maintenance Guidelines

By

The Ohio Cemetery Dispute Resolution Commission

ORC Section 4767.06(H)

Grounds and Structure

- Cut grass once per month during the growing season
- Trim around markers and/or monuments once a year
- Remove underbrush, leaves, tree seedlings, and dead trees and flowers
- Remove trash and funeral flowers once a month, artificial flowers once a year
- Sod or seed graves as necessary within one year of interment
- Foundations for new markers that have been ordered should be set within one calendar year
- Roads, buildings, structures, and fencing should be maintained and repaired as needed
- Cemetery perimeter should be marked

Management/Maintenance of Rules, Regulations, and Records

- Cemetery records pertaining to interment right owners should be maintained in the cemetery's office
- All graves or lots should be identified by a map that is stored in the office of the cemetery per Ohio Revised Code Section 1721.09
- The cemetery should maintain records for identifying interment spaces
- Each lot should be pinned and the owner's name should be recorded
- Cemeteries should conduct all interments within seven days of the date of the order unless waived by the next of kin or other responsible party
- Rules regarding flowers and decorations should be posted at the cemetery
- The vault or any other burial container should be placed at least twelve inches below grade
- The cemetery's rules and regulations should be provided upon request
- Cemetery management contact information should be posted at the main public entrance of the cemetery and at the onsite office, if any