



## **RULES AND REGULATIONS**

1. **FRESH CUT AND ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS** placed in approved bronze vases are welcome at all times. *An approved vase is one of excellent quality bronze, which inverts underground when not in use. Bottles, cans, and non-inverting vases are **not permitted**.*
2. **WREATHS, FLOWER POTS AND HANGING BASKETS** are **not permitted** during the lawn mowing season from April 1st to November 1st, with the exception of the Special Days, hereinafter mentioned. By observing this regulation, lot owners will be helping their cemetery tremendously in its endeavor to keep the grass on each loved one's grave properly trimmed at all times. However, during the winter months when the grass does not need mowing, artificial wreaths are welcome at all times.
3. **FLAGS** are permitted on Memorial Day and Veterans Day, but should be removed after three days, out of respect to the flag.
4. **METAL EMBEMS ON STANDS** such as an American Legion Emblems are permitted only during winter Months and on Memorial Day and Veterans Day.
5. **SPECIAL DAYS** on Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day, and Father's Day artificial flowers, wreaths and flower pots are permitted from 4:30 pm the Friday before the special day to 7 am Thursday following the holiday.
6. **DOGS** are not permitted within the cemetery grounds at any time.
7. **MISSION HILLS MEMORIAL GARDENS** are not responsible for theft or damage to anything placed on graves or lots. In addition, Mission Hills Memorial Gardens is not responsible for any valuables in your car. ***PLEASE LOCK YOUR CAR!***
8. **BORDERS** of any kind are not allowed around any lot or space and no walks are allowed on any lot or thereabout.
9. **BRONZE VASES** should be inverted during winter months. Mission Hills Memorial Gardens cannot be responsible for damage to vases during the winter months.
10. **MISSION HILLS MEMORIAL GARDENS** are open from sunrise to sunset.
11. **SPEED LIMIT** in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens is 10 M.P.H

## **THE GARDENS ARE OURS TO ENJOY AND PRESERVE!**

We hope that each lot owner will feel a pride of ownership in Mission Hills Memorial Gardens. They are yours to enjoy. In this spirit, at all times we want you to do everything within your power to help preserve and protect its beauty and sacredness. Please regard it as it as your responsibility to report any acts of vandalism, destruction, theft or impropriety to the cemetery superintendent, if present and if not, to the Michigan State Police or the Cass County Sheriff.



## **MARKING OF GRAVES AND ESTATES**

1. The Marking of each grave shall be made only with bronze memorials on granite bases placed level with the lawn. All memorials shall be equal to the quality and sizes herein specified and are available from the Mission Hills Memorial Gardens and should be purchased from Mission Hills Memorial Gardens.

Mission Hills Memorial Gardens' management reserves the right to refuse installation of any memorial except on **WRITTEN APPLICATION** by a lot owner of record or his or her immediate relatives of record, prepared on forms provided by Mission Hills Memorial Gardens and duly filed in their office.

Mission Hills Memorial Gardens will refuse to install a memorial to furnish other grave services on an estate where there are monies owed to Mission Hills Memorial Gardens that are past due according to the established terms

2. Please check with Mission Hills Memorial Gardens for size restrictions
3. Each Memorial shall be cast with integral bosses on the back, in locations specified by Mission Hills Memorial Gardens. These bosses shall be drilled and tapped to receive at least 3/8 inch diameter anchor lugs of brass or bronze. Granite base will provide a minimum border of 2 inches around bronze memorial.
4. The Garden of Hope will have designated rows of upright monuments. These monuments will be engraved on both sides. They will be uniform shape, size and color. Families using this arrangement will be required to sign a statement declaring their understanding that the memorial will be engraved on both sides. For more information, please inquire at office.
5. The foundation and placing of all memorials shall be by Mission Hills Memorial Gardens' employees at established prices.
6. Mission Hills Memorial Gardens reserves the right to correct any error that may be made in locating and installing of memorial.

## **ALL WORK TO BE PERFORMED BY MISSION HILLS MEMORIAL GARDENS**

1. All gardening, landscape work, improvements, and all care of graves, planting, trimming and cutting, and removing of trees and shrubs is the responsibility of Mission Hills Memorial Gardens. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE FOR A SPECIFIC MAINTENANCE REQUEST.
2. All grave openings and closings, including the placing of vaults, all interments, dis-interments and removals shall be done by Mission Hills Memorial Gardens.

The transfer of ownership of title of any interest in any plot shall be made only on the forms provided by Mission Hills Memorial Gardens.



## GENERAL SUPERVISION OF CEMETERY

1. All funerals and burials upon reaching Mission Hills Memorial Gardens, shall be under the supervision of the cemetery management.
2. Mission Hills Memorial Gardens shall not be liable for the validity of interment permit nor for the identity of the person interred.
3. All interments, dis-interments, or removals must be made at a time and in a manner approved by the cemetery and upon payment of charges established by the cemetery. The cemetery requires at least 24 hours' notice prior to any interment.

### **NO INTERMENT SHALL BE PERMITTED IN ANY GRAVE UNTIL SUCH GRAVE IS FULLY PAID FOR, EXCEPT AS MAY BE PROVIDED IN THE SALES AGREEMENT.**

4. Mission Hills Memorial Gardens will refuse the interment, and refuse to open any burial space for any purpose except on **WRITTEN APPLICATION** by a lot owner of record or his authorized representative prepared on forms provided by the cemetery and duly filed in the cemetery office.
5. No interment shall be made without a two piece concrete vault, which should be purchased from the cemetery (1a).
6. Mission Hills Memorial Gardens is not responsible for the execution of any order given by telephone, or for any error occurring from the lack of the receipt of precise and proper instructions pertaining to the funeral service of interment.
7. Mission Hills Memorial Gardens shall have the right to correct without liability for the payment of damages any errors that may be inadvertently made by it, either in making interments, dis-interments, or removals, or in the description, transfer or conveyance of burial rights to substitute and convey in lieu thereof other interment property of similar nature and location insofar as it is possible, or as many be selected by the cemetery, or at the sole discretion of the cemetery, to refund the amount of money paid on account of its purchase. In the event such error is in respect to the interment of the remains of a deceased person in such property, the cemetery shall have the right to remove or transfer such remains so interred to such other property of similar nature and the location as may be substituted and conveyed in lieu thereof.
8. The cemetery shall not be liable for the payment of damages for any delay in the interment of the body of deceased person caused by reason of a protest to interment of such body, or the violation of the Rules and Regulations of the cemetery, or weather.
9. The Burials of two persons shall not be interred in one grave unless approved by the cemetery, and upon payment of additional charges as required.
10. Mission Hills Memorial Gardens requires the uses of its own tents, matting, artificial grass or other grave decorations, lowering devices, casket placers, and other equipment desired or necessary in connection with interments
11. In making interments the cemetery will exercise reasonable care but it shall not be liable for the payment of damages in connection with any injury to a caskets or burial container.
12. In case of the owner's death, the rights of the surviving spouse and next of kin will be recognized in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan insofar as it is able to ascertain who such parties are, but the cemetery will not be responsible for any errors which may be committed due to lack accurate information.
13. No disinterment will be allowed without the consent in writing of the surviving husband or wife or next of kin to the person whose body is to be disinterred or removed. Mission Hills Memorial Gardens shall under no circumstances be held liable in case of disinterment or removal where it acts upon the written order of such person. The Cemetery shall have the right to refuse to permit disinterment while payments for the cemetery lot have not been completed or are in default.

*1a. with the exception of green burials. Please contact office for green burial guidelines.*



## **EXCEPTIONS AND MODIFICATIONS**

1. Special cases may arise in which the literal enforcement of a rule may impose unnecessary hardship. Mission Hills Memorial Gardens therefore reserves the right without notice to make exceptions, substitutions or modifications in any of these Rules and Regulations when in its judgment the same appear advisable and suspension or modification shall in no way be considered as affecting the general application of such rule.
2. Mission Hills Memorial Gardens shall be entitled in all cases to rely upon the statement, written or oral, of any person claiming to have knowledge of the facts and claiming to be authorized to act and shall incur no liability whatsoever by reason of any act committed by it or permitted to be done in reliance upon such statement.
3. Mission Hills Memorial Gardens reserves the right at all times to plat and re-plat unsold graves, remove and change the location of trees, shrubs and other objects; lay out and change location of roads, paths, and walks and to make such other changes or alterations as it deems necessary or advisable and to correct errors in locations and descriptions in contract, deeds and interments without incurring any obligation to or securing the consent of grave owners.
4. These Rules and Regulations may be changed or modified at any time as occasion may require, without notice by the cemetery to the lot owners
5. Please call our office if you have questions on a topic not covered in these rules and regulations at 269-683-8333.
6. These rules and regulations were adopted by our Board of Directors 12/5/00

## **PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR CEMETERY**

**THE CARE, MAINTENANCE, AND IMPROVEMENT OF MISSION HILLS MEMORIAL GARDENS ARE A CONSTANT FINANCIAL BATTLE. YOU CAN HELP YOUR CEMETERY MAINTAIN ITS BEAUTY BY PURCHASING YOUR VAULTS AND MEMORIALS FOR YOUR CEMETERY. WHEN YOU BUY ELSEWHERE YOU ARE NEGLECTING YOUR CEMETERY. MISSION HILLS MEMORIAL GARDENS SINCERELY THANKS THE LOT OWNERS WHO SUPPORT THEIR OWN CEMETERY.**