

Open Gate Cemetery

Policies, Rules, and Regulations

- A document of “Certificate for Right of Burial” conveys a right of interment in an interment space.
- Purchasing a gravesite gives you the “right of burial” for “one casket burial or one cremation burial”. If approved by the purchaser, a second cremation burial is allowed on the same gravesite if a second “right of burial” is purchased.
- Interments on a lot of more than one burial is allowed only when a second “right of burial” is purchased.
- A burial or a cremation permit is required from the Minnesota Department of Health for all burials or cremations.
- All interments, including cremations, must be arranged through a Certified State Mortuary.
- All gravesite openings and closings for casket or cremation burials require payment in full in advance of interments.
- Reserving lots for purchase requires a down payment of 50% of lot price. Remaining balance must be paid within one year.
- No unearthing is allowed unless authorized by the Cemetery Recorder in accordance with State Law.
- All in-ground casket burials must be enclosed in a vault. All cremations must be in an urn, vault or metal container. Sprinkling of cremated remains is not permitted on the premises.
- All burials require graves to have identification with either a foot stone or a monument within one year following burial.
- All monuments require a cement base, single lot 14” x 24” or double lot 14” by 44”. Monuments must be approved, and site marked by the Cemetery Recorder. The Association has the right to determine placement of markers. Following monument placement, if any additional engravings are needed which require removal of the monument, the Cemetery Recorder must be notified. The Niggler Cemetery Association is not responsible for damage to markers or monuments or lost or stolen items from the gravesites.
- No planting of shrubs or trees are allowed on cemetery grounds. Weathered artificial flowers and wreaths must be removed from premises when they become unsightly. Seasonal items will be removed in the Spring.
- Items allowed on gravesites include live or artificial flowers and plants, urns, hanging baskets, solar lights and garden stakes. Benches are allowed with prior approval of the cemetery Recorder. Items not allowed on gravesites include glass, edgings, fences, and food or alcohol items.
- Visitors will be responsible for their own safety as there is no staffed security.