



TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

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WATERSIDE CEMETERY

SUPERINTENDENT

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Planning a Service without a Funeral Home

This Department strongly recommends contacting a funeral home for assistance. We do not coordinate or plan services. If a funeral home is not used (cremation burial only), all arrangements and details normally handled by the funeral home are assumed by the family.

This Department requires **payment** of the opening and any other charges **before the grave is opened**. We also require a **burial certificate** issued and signed by the operator in charge of the facility where cremation occurred, stating that Burial transit permit, death certificate and cremation authorization and cremation certification were received in accordance with state law prerequisite to the cremation of:

- Name of deceased
- Place of death
- Date of birth
- Date of death
- Cause of death

When the cemetery receives a grave opening order from a family, it is expected all other arrangements for their service have already been made. We will check the lot information and if the day and time is available, we will book your service and quote the total charges that will be due. All checks are made payable to the "Town of Marblehead." Standard fees associated with the grave opening are as follows:

Weekday Grave opening for standard cremation	opening	400.00
Saturday cremation (between 8:00-12:00)	opening and overtime	800.00

Additional fees:

Deceased is not Marblehead resident	non-resident	200.00
Interment in a grave that is already occupied	re-use	500.00
Rental of Chapel (seats approx. 70)	chapel	200.00
Weekday services arriving after 2:00 PM	overtime	100.00
Services arriving before 2:00 PM and departing after 2:30	overtime	100.00
(other fees could apply)		

This Department will open and close the grave and make sure the area is presentable for whatever service you have planned. We do not provide urn vaults, canopies, chairs or music for services. All services should begin at the scheduled time and last approximately thirty minutes.

All Marblehead residents are allowed to purchase a gravesite at the time of an emergency. We allow one lot per residence. Once you purchase a lot you will not be allowed to purchase another one.

A single resident will be allowed to purchase a single grave lot. A maximum of two graves will be allowed when there are two taxpaying residents at the same address. If the deceased is a child or live in parent the purchase of one additional grave may be allowed at that time. Each single grave can accommodate one casket burial and two cremations **OR** three cremations. The exception to this is the AM section which is allowed two cremations only.