



TOWN OF MARBLEHEAD

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT



WATERSIDE CEMETERY

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LOT PURCHASE

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All Marblehead full time residents are allowed to purchase a gravesite at the time of the resident's death.

Pre-need burial rights are for **Marblehead resident taxpayers** of five years or more who **pay taxes on the property in which they reside**. A maximum of two graves will be allowed when there are two taxpaying residents listed at that address. 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. If you have a lot in your name or once you purchase a lot, you will not be allowed to purchase another one. **12/16/24 Pre-need sales are currently on hold until further notice.**

Each single grave costs \$2,000.00 -- \$1000.00 of this purchase is deposited into the Sale of Lots fund which is used for development, major equipment and vehicle purchases. The other \$1000.00 is put into the Perpetual Care Trust Fund. The yearly interest from the Perpetual Care Fund off sets what is needed from taxation.

A single grave lot purchase will be allowed to have one flat marker only. A flat marker is restricted to a 2' x 1' maximum measurement.

A multiple grave lot is allowed to have one upright memorial only and each individual grave is allowed one flat marker as explained above. An upright memorial on a two grave lot is restricted to a 3'x1' maximum base with an overall height (base and die) of 3'. A three grave lot is allowed a maximum of a 4'x1' base and the overall height remains at 3' (base and die).

It is the lot owner's responsibility to visit with a memorial dealer to arrange for an inscription, marker or upright monument. It is Department policy that all markers and memorials have cement foundations poured. The charge for this is \$125.00 per square foot and is paid to the "Town of Marblehead" through the memorial dealer who will ask the recorded lot owner or representative to sign the order. We have a strict policy that no foundations will be poured after November 1. When an inscription is ordered by the Memorial Dealer we require the signature of the recorded lot owner or representative and the Dealer is charged a \$20.00 permit fee.

Week day grave opening and closing fees are \$1000.00 for a casket burial and \$400.00 for cremation burial. Saturday casket burial fees total \$1,550.00. Saturday cremation burial fees total \$800.00. Other fees could apply.

For those planning services for a cremation burial without a funeral home, we require payment of all charges quoted by the office, as well as the disposition permit / cremation certificate (which accompanies the ashes from the crematory) **before the grave is opened**.

All checks are made payable to
"Town of Marblehead"