

## Riverside Woods Natural Burial Ground

1. The body of the deceased is to be prepared in an environmentally friendly way as described by the Green Burial Council standards for natural burial; embalming is not permitted. Any clothing, shroud, or coffin used to cover the body is to be readily biodegradable. Non-degradable objects may not be buried with the body.
2. The body may be brought to the cemetery by a funeral director, or by family and friends of the deceased. A board and straps may be used to lower the body into the grave or a contracted lowering device may be used. Arrangements must be made in advance with the Cemetery Commissioners if a funeral director is not used.
3. The deceased's family and friends may participate in the burial of the body to the extent they desire, subject to approval by the Cemetery Commissioners.
4. Shrouded burials are allowed with a biodegradable burial board. Burial in a casket is not required, However, if one is used, it must be made of biodegradable material such as pine, sea grasses, willow, or cardboard container.
5. Burial depth will be three - four feet to the bottom of the grave and the grave will be mounded to allow for settling.
6. Grave marker must be made from natural rock, such as fieldstone or river rock. Marble, granite and other impermeable rock/stone is not permitted. Grave markers may not exceed 400 square inches in size (or 18" by 18") and may not rest more than 3" above grade lying flat to the ground. No foundation is allowed. The grave marker may be engraved with the deceased's name, the date of birth, date of their death.
7. We use sequential burial to minimize disturbance to the land, vegetation, and graves. One may pre-purchase the right to be buried; however the actual site isn't assigned until time of need.
8. The location of the grave will be at the discretion of the Cemetery Commission. Space will be saved so that partners may be buried in adjacent lots.
9. There shall be no planting or cutting of vegetation except with the written permission of the Cemetery Commission.
10. Winter burials will be at the discretion of the Cemetery Commission and weather conditions.

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