

SILVER BROOK TOWNSHIP
CUSTOMARY PRACTICES

The Town of Silver Brook, through its Board of Supervisors, has formulated the following rules and regulations for the use of the Silver Brook Cemetery so that the cemetery will be an attractive and well maintained facility.

1. **Purchase of Lots:** The cemetery sexton shall make arrangements for the sale and issuance of deeds for the purchase of all lots and shall keep all the necessary records of such sales.
2. **Grave Openings:** Upon notification prior to burial the cemetery sexton will stake out graves. The Township does not arrange for the digging of graves. Winter burials are discouraged, but not prohibited. No burial will be permitted without the use of a concrete vault.
3. **Standard Burial Conventions:** The deceased's head lies at the west end and the feet at the east end of the grave. For side-by-side burials the lots are selected as follows: When standing at the foot of the grave and looking west, the wife/mother/female is to the right and the husband/father/male is to the left. Two cremation urns may be placed on one lot.
4. **Monuments and Markers:** All markers and monuments shall be installed flush with the ground so that the marker or monument will not interfere in any way with the mowing and maintenance of the cemetery. No up-right markers will be permitted except those which are already installed. An exception will be made to allow bench monuments where a block of 8 adjoining lots are owned by one party. Size and location of any bench must be approved by the town board. Any old markers which are reset shall be placed on a cement base which shall extend at least four (4) inches beyond the edge of the marker or monument, and said cement base shall be flush with the ground. No mounds, hedges, fences, walls, trees, shrubs or any other obstacle shall be installed or planted in the cemetery. All memorials are subject to approval of the township. Double markers are placed at the head of the graves, centered on the lot line. Single markers (generally 1' x 2') are placed at the foot of the grave unless there is no double marker, in which case it may be placed at either the foot or the head. Markers are generally positioned and engraved such that the wording can be read when standing at the foot of the grave.
5. **Gate Hours:** The gates are never locked. However, visiting hours should be generally restricted to daylight hours.
6. **Rules for Visitors:** No firearms shall be permitted in the cemetery, except at military funerals, and no person shall trespass, remove, injure, deface, mar or damage any monument, stone, structure, basket or decoration placed on any lot. The township reserves the right to cross all lots and to maintain the cemetery.

7. **Baskets and Flowers**: Baskets should be standard size of approximately 1' x 2', weigh no more than 30 pounds and have four legs and two handles to be easily moved for mowing. Baskets must have live plants. **Baskets, fresh flowers artificial flowers and decorations are allowed from mid-May through September 30. Any baskets, flowers or decorations remaining after September 30 will be removed by township staff and disposed of.** The Township reserves the right to remove any receptacle or decoration that becomes unsightly.
8. Because of the lack of burial records prior to the acceptance of the cemetery, neither the Town of Silver Brook, its agents, or assigns, shall be responsible for the accuracy of lot lines or record of burials, nor any possible consequences or damages, either direct or indirect from any such inaccuracy.
9. The Board of Supervisors of Silver Brook Township reserves the right to change, modify, delete or add to these rules and regulations at any time without prior notice.