

St. John the Baptist Parish Cemetery Rules

Cemetery Management & Operating Hours

1. Any questions regarding the operation of the cemetery or for arranging burials shall be directed to the Cemetery Custodian Joe Steffes at 920-795-4709.
2. St. John the Baptist Cemetery is open for visitation from dawn to dusk. No person shall enter the cemetery after dark.

Burials

1. The funeral home conducting a funeral must supply a burial permit to the cemetery prior to the interment (in-ground burial) of a body or cremains.
2. Burials will normally not take place from December 1 through March 31. A burial requested under exceptional circumstances will be subject to all additional costs, over and above the usual rate, including costs to repair damage to cemetery landscape.
3. Only an employee of the cemetery or a person acting under the direct supervision and in the presence of cemetery personnel shall dig a grave. The cost will be the same in either case.
4. One grave lot may be used for up to three cremation burials with one above ground headstone. One grave lot may be used for a traditional burial with casket and up to two cremation burials. Cremation urns must be non-biodegradable.
5. All burials, except cremains or infant burials, must be in a steel, concrete or polystyrene (hard plastic) burial container.
6. The cemetery shall in no way be liable for any container, receptacle or urn of cremated remains placed in any lot. A small steel, concrete or polystyrene (hard plastic) burial container is recommended for interment of cremated remains. The scattering of cremated remains over a family lot is prohibited.

Modified Green Burials

1. Saint John the Baptist Cemetery permits a modified “green” or “natural” burial within these guidelines:
 - a. Due to the short time line needed between death and a natural burial, notice is needed so that the excavation contractor can be notified and available.
 - b. We do not require a specific casket or type of wood. Burial in a shroud is permitted.
 - c. A non-sealing grave liner is required to prevent soil from caving in on the body causing landscape concerns for cemetery maintenance staff. The grave liner is also needed for those rare cases where a future exhumation order of the body is received.
 - d. Boulders, large stones, or trees and shrubs may not be used as memorial markers.

Monuments, Headstones, Markers

1. All headstones and monuments and markers must be installed under the direction of the cemetery custodian.
2. All monuments, headstones or markers require a foundation. The cement foundation shall be a minimum of six (6) inch gravel or sand base beneath it. Said foundation shall extend five (5) inches in length and width on all sides on the base of the stone and be flush with the ground. All monuments, headstones and markers must conform to specifications on reverse side.
3. Wooden or plastic crosses are not permitted as a substitute for a monument.
4. After a lot(s) have been purchased, a monument may be installed.

Cemetery Decorating

1. One flag per veteran may be placed on graves conforming to the rules for the public display of flags.
2. No flowers or shrubs of any kind may be planted in the burial area. No curbing or fencing may be placed around graves.

3. Plants and cut or artificial flowers are permitted on the monument or the base in a pot, vase or holder. No decorations will be permitted in the ground. It is advisable to put identifying gravesite label on artificial flowers.
4. Decorations must be removed by December 1 and can be replaced after April 1.
5. Cemetery maintenance workers have the authority to remove decorations that hinder the maintenance of any grave. Decorations will be removed when they become unsightly, rusted, withered, etc.
6. Solar lights, vigil lights, statuary and breakable items are not permitted and will be discarded.

Driving in the Cemetery

1. Driving in the cemetery is not permitted. Violators will be prosecuted. The cemetery accepts no responsibility for damage to your vehicle.
2. ATV 's or snowmobiles are not allowed in the cemetery at any time, with the exception of the cemetery custodian and vehicles pertaining to burials.

Guidelines for Grave Sizes & Markers

Saint John the Baptist Cemetery Graves Sizes

- 1 grave is 48 inches wide
- 2 graves are 96 inches wide
- 3 graves are 144 inches wide

Saint John Cemetery Grave Marker Size & Placement Specifications

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| A. Maximum overall height of marker permissible | 34 inches |
| B. Maximum width of footing permissible (1 burial space) | 42 inches |
| C. Maximum width of footing permissible (2 burial spaces) | 72 inches |
| D. Maximum width of footing permissible (3 burial spaces) | 78 inches |
| E. Minimum thickness of footing permissible without steel reinforcement | 6 inches |
| Minimum thickness of footing permissible with steel reinforcement | 3 inches |