

## **NEW BETHLEHEM PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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1. Cemetery visiting hours are from dawn to dusk daily. The cemetery is closed to all visitors after dark.
2. NO wooden “rough boxes” will be permitted in the cemetery.
3. Grave memorial markers:
  - a) All grave memorial markers must be approved first by the Cemetery Committee
  - b) All above ground markers require a three (3 ft.) feet deep footer.
4. Flowers will be permitted at the head of grave ONLY.
5. NO planting of shrubs around head stones.
6. Any transfer of lot ownership must be handled through the Cemetery Committee.
7. Financial hardship cases from the congregation will be determined by the Buildings & Maintenance Ministry Team
8. NO artificial flowers and/or wreaths will be permitted in the cemetery during mowing season which runs from May 1<sup>st</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> during the year. If any items are remaining on the graves after May 1, they will be removed and discarded.  
The only exception to this, are any Memorial Day decorations, which should be removed by 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in June every year. Any Memorial Day decorations that are not removed by the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in June, they will be removed and discarded.
9. NO type of obstacles such as fences, brick or stone grave edgings or any barriers, which would prohibit regular cemetery maintenance, are permitted. If installed, they may be removed and discarded.
10. The contractor responsible for opening and closing our cemetery plots shall be properly insured and approved by the Buildings & Maintenance Committee. Only the Buildings & Maintenance Committee approved contractor is permitted to open or close a grave.

**American Flags:** “The authorities in charge of any cemetery are authorized to remove such flags when the same shall become unsightly or weatherworn at any time not before the first working day after Independence Day of each year.” Beaver County Code Section 1922. The penalty of a violation shall be a summary offense with a \$300 fine.

**Plastic flowers, glass containers, wreaths and other ornaments are permitted only from October 1<sup>st</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>.**

By Order of the New Bethlehem Presbyterian Church Session.