

# Baldwin Hill Conservation Cemetery Rules and Regulations

## Rules for Burial

- Baldwin Hill Cemetery **does not accept embalmed remains** for burial.
- Baldwin Hill Cemetery **does not permit the use of outer burial containers**, burial vaults, or liners of any kind.
- **Only biodegradable materials** may be used for burial containers, buried during interment, or placed as decoration on gravesites. Natural fiber shrouds, caskets made from local non-exotic wood, and wicker or other plant materials are all acceptable burial containers. All items buried or placed on the grave must be biodegradable and of natural character: no plastics or significant metal components are allowed. Uncoated steel screws and nails are acceptable for casket construction.
  - On Memorial Day, Veterans' graves can be temporarily adorned with non-biodegradable decoration such as flags. Decorations must be removed the Wednesday after Memorial Day.
- **Native stones may be used as memorial markers of interment sites.**
  - The stone memorial must not exceed 300 square inches in area, as viewed from above and must lie flat or be partially buried and not extend more than 3 inches above the surface of the soil. Stones must not disrupt or disturb the integrity of the interment.
  - Stones may be engraved and shaped (natural shapes preferred), but not polished or painted. Engraving and other memorial content must be deemed appropriate by the Cemetery, and the placement of a memorial must be within the defined plot limit.
- **Approved non-invasive native plants may be planted on interment sites.**
  - In order to allow for grave and cemetery maintenance, planted trees are not permitted.
  - No imported mulch, top-dressing, landscape fabric, or edging is allowed.
- Baldwin Hill Cemetery will maintain the Cemetery in perpetuity; however, it **does not guarantee any specific condition** of gravesites, memorial markers, or memorial plantings.

The above rules are in accordance with the Green Burial Council Standards for a Conservation Cemetery.

Owners of Interment Rights are asked to inform funeral directors, memorial companies, etc., of these requirements.

## Cemetery Property Rules

- Apart from service dogs as stated in Maine law, dogs are not allowed on Cemetery grounds or in the surrounding Baldwin Hill Conservation Area (Conservation Area).
- Hunting and trapping is not allowed on Cemetery grounds or in the surrounding Conservation Area.
- Off-road vehicles are not allowed within the Cemetery or surrounding Conservation Area, aside from those used to assist with mobility impairments.
- Bikes may be used on the gravel access road but are not allowed within the Cemetery.
- No camping and no fires within the Cemetery or surrounding Conservation Area
- Commercial foraging of mushrooms, fiddleheads, ginseng, blueberries, wildflowers, fir tips or other natural resources is prohibited.
- Geocaching within the Cemetery or surrounding Conservation Area is not allowed.
- No unmanned aerial vehicles (drones) are allowed to be flown over the Cemetery or Conservation Area without permission.
- Unauthorized burial of, or tampering with, any object in the Cemetery is strictly prohibited.