



CEMETERY RULES & REGULATIONS

As of April 2022

West Rutland Catholic Cemeteries Rules and Regulations

**St Bridget, Sacred Heart &
St. Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery**

ST. BRIDGET AND ST. STANISLAUS-KOSTKA CEMETERY

WEST RUTLAND, VERMONT

BASIC RULES AND REGULATIONS

MAINTENANCE

- Management of the cemetery shall be under the authority of the Pastor/Parish Administrator of St. Bridget and St. Stanislaus Kostka Parishes and/or his designees.

LOSS OR DAMAGE

- The Cemetery Management disclaims all responsibility for loss or damage beyond its reasonable control, especially from damage by an act of God, the elements, insurrections, riots, order of any military or civil authority, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, or any cause similar or dissimilar beyond managements' control, whether the damage be direct or collateral.
- In the event it becomes necessary to reconstruct or repair any section of the cemetery, including graves, niches, or crypts or any portion thereof, management shall give written notice of repairs to its license holder(s) or heirs of record of necessity of repairs, All cost of repairs is solely the responsibility of the license holder or their heirs.

CEMETERY HOURS

- The grounds are open for visitation from dawn to dusk May to November. The cemetery is closed to all traffic during the winters' months (November 1 - May 1).

VAULTS, LINERS & CASKET PROTECTION

- Burial Vaults (for caskets and urns) are the outer protective coverings that are used to increase the safety, promote efficiency and lower operating costs. Therefore, for grave burials (caskets/urns), outer burial containers are required.

DECORATIONS OF LOTS AND CARE OF LOTS

- Rules and regulations governing planting in and decorating of lots may be changed by the authority of the Cemetery Management.
- The right to plant permanent trees, shrubs or flowers shall be the sole right of the Cemetery Management. The Cemetery Management reserves the right to remove any

planting placed without permission. There is no allowance for in-ground planting of flowers.

- The use of all flowers (real and artificial) on graves is limited to memorial saddles fastened to the monument, moveable cemetery tubs; a flower box may be laid on the grave but will be removed by the cemetery personnel whenever it becomes unsightly or inconvenient to cemetery maintenance. **One floral commemoration per family lot is allowed.**
- American flags placed on Veterans graves are allowed. The American flag should be removed when showing signs of weathering or at the latest by November 15th by the lot lessee or by the cemetery personnel. No other flags are allowed.
- No ornamentation such as wire ornaments, shepherds hook, nor any glass things. All of these pose a safety hazard to the maintenance crew. Flying wire as they are working around the stones could cause a possible injury.
- No solar lights. These are beautiful, but they are also light weight and blow over. This poses an obstacle for mowing and can be dangerous if hit by the mower blade.
- No dogs are allowed on the cemetery grounds. This has always been a rule of the cemetery, as it is in all cemeteries, but unfortunately not always obeyed.
- **All ornaments, decorations, and flowers should be removed from graves by November 1st.** It is further requested that no ornaments, decorations, or flowers be placed on graves or stones, from October 31st through May 1st.

PERPETUAL CARE

- The headstone is the sole responsibility of the owner/lessee of the grave lot.
- The cemeteries operated in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Burlington are “Perpetual Care” cemeteries.
- All perpetual care monies are used for cemetery purposes; a portion is set aside for investment, and the proceeds thereof are used to provide general care. “Perpetual Care” is to be understood as that care and maintenance necessitated by natural growth and ordinary wear, and it includes cutting of lawns and the cleaning and maintenance of roadways, walks, and buildings, provided there are sufficient funds for these purposes.
- The term “Perpetual Care” shall in no case mean the maintenance, repair, or replacement of any memorial placed or erected upon any lot; nor the doing of any special unusual work in the cemetery, nor does it mean the reconstruction of granite, bronze, or concrete work on any section of the lot, crypt, or niche; nor the repair of items damaged by any cause beyond management’s reasonable control.

FOUNDATIONS

- All foundations for markers, and monuments shall be constructed only by the authorized contractors designated by the Cemetery Management.

- All foundations must be flush with ground level, except on slope; then lower corner of foundation must be flush with ground level.
- Maximum length of slant markers, monument or headstones for any lot shall not exceed fifty percent of the width of the lot.

MONUMENTS AND MARKERS

- Only one type of marker is permitted in St. Stanislaus, St. Bridget and Sacred Heart Cemeteries, it being grass markers flush with the ground.
- No monument, marker or headstone shall be erected without prior permission of the Cemetery Management. Please check with the Management regarding the size and dimensions for a Monument pertaining to the purchased lot.
- No wheeled vehicle of any kind will be permitted on grass lots without first consideration to other lot lessees.

FEES

- Lot pricing is available upon request at the Parish Office.