

Policy for the Management St. Patrick's Cemetery, Clonmel

GRAVE SPACES

1. A person seeking a burial ground space in St. Patrick's Cemetery must contact Clonmel Borough District office who will then allocate a plot to him/her.
2. All plots will be 2.4 metres long by 1.25 metres wide.
3. Graves shall be laid out in double rows back to back.
4. In order to ensure uniformity of development of burial grounds, grave spaces will be sold in the event of death only. However, in special circumstances, members of the same family of a deceased person will be allowed to purchase a maximum of 2 grave spaces.
5. Internal pathways shall be a minimum of 1.5 metres wide.
6. Sub-selling of plots by private parties will not be permitted.
7. The current cost for the purchase of a plot is €500.00 and the interment fee for the burial of remains is €360.00

INTERMENT

8. Interment will be the responsibility of Tipperary County Council Grave spaces, must be dug in accordance with Council Policy. The first opening of each grave is to be excavated by mini excavator, perpendicular depth of a minimum of 2.5 metres.
9. No grave shall be re-opened within 14 years after burial of a person over 12 years of age, or within 8 years after a person under 12 years of age, unless to bury a member of the same family, in which case a layer of earth not less than 300mm shall be left undisturbed above the previous coffin. If on re-opening any grave the soil is offensive, such soil shall not be disturbed. In no case shall human remains be disturbed.
10. Burials shall be carried out in accordance with Health and Safety requirements as necessary.

CREMATED REMAINS

- 10 (a) Creamated remains shall not be scattered in the Cemetery
- 10(b) Creamated remains may be interred in coffins or caskets or other approved containers in conventional burial plots. Cremated remains must be interred in a container of bio-degradable material.

KERBSTONES AND HEADSTONES

11. Kerbstones will be permitted. Kerbstones shall be precast or be made of marble or limestone, constructed on an adequate concrete foundation base. No kerbstones shall be more than 150mm above ground level. Aggregate chippings will be allowed on top of grave spaces and confined between kerbstones.
12. Headstones shall not exceed 1.5 metres in height and 1.2 metres in width. Where headstone foundations are not in place in existing graves, the foundation shall be 225mm wide by 250mm deep, constructed in good quality concrete. Prior to the erection of any headstone or kerbstone, permission must be sought from the Clonmel Borough District. Details of the headstone/kerbstone to be erected should be submitted, preferably through the monument sculptor commissioned to erect same. No headstone/kerbstone should be erected until a permit has been issued. The maximum height of headstone will be 2.1 metres in the case of a Celtic Cross or Latin Cross.
13. Headstones and associated works to be erected/undertaken during working hours only.
14. Monument erectors to produce Health and Safety statement together with insurance cover indemnifying Tipperary County Council.

MAINTENANCE OF GRAVE SPACES

15. The owner (or owner's immediate family) of a grave space shall be fully responsible for the maintenance of his/her plot.

VISITORS

16. Visitors to St. Patrick's Cemetery shall enter and leave the cemetery only by means of the entrances. A visitor shall close and re-secure any gate opened at the Cemetery.
17. Visitors shall not walk on any of the shrubberies, burial plots or enclosures but shall confine themselves to the paths or avenues therein where provided
18. Visitors shall not interfere with any of the tombs/monuments/headstone or with any flowers, shrubs or wreaths within the Cemetery.
19. All animals to be prohibited from the cemetery with the exception of guide dogs and horses associated with horse-drawn hearses.

THE USE OF MOTOR VEHICLES

20. Only authorised vehicles shall be allowed access within the Cemetery. Disabled parking bays provided are strictly for the use of those with the relevant parking permit for people with disabilities.