



Cary Cemetery Operations

Administrative Polices

The information outlined below shall be the Administrative Policies of the Cary Cemetery:

1. The Cary Cemetery is managed by the Village of Cary, hereafter referred to as “The Village.” The Village shall assume the responsibility for the operation and maintenance of the Cary Cemetery including, but not limited to maintaining accurate records of all past sales and the coordination of work orders on all private lots.
2. To request information, contact the Village of Cary at 847-639-0003. Mailed inquires may be addressed to:

Village of Cary
Attn: Cary Cemetery
755 Georgetown Drive
Cary, IL 60013

3. The hours of operation for the Cary Cemetery shall be Monday – Sunday, from dawn to dusk. Unauthorized entry after operating hours constitutes trespassing. All visitors are reminded that the Cary Cemetery is considered sacred ground for the deceased and that strict observance due such a place is required.
4. Alcoholic beverages in the Cary Cemetery are strictly prohibited.
5. Loitering in the Cary Cemetery is strictly prohibited.
6. No person or persons other than a Village sworn officer shall be permitted to bring or carry fire-arms within the Cary Cemetery, except a military guard of honor.
7. All vehicles shall remain on the cemetery driveway. No motor vehicles will be allowed off of the designated roadway at any time, without permission from the Village.
8. The throwing of rubbish on driveways or plotted areas is strictly prohibited. There are receptacles located throughout the Cary Cemetery for the sole purpose of discarding trash.
9. The Village must be notified of all re-sales, designation of heirs or family members as having burial rights, and/or change of ownership of all graves in the Cary Cemetery.

10. The Village shall take reasonable precaution to protect interment rights, owners, and the general public from loss or damage; however, it disclaims all responsibility for the loss or damage caused beyond reasonable control including but not limited to, damage caused by the elements, acts of God, common enemy, thieves, vandals, strikers, malicious mischief makers, explosions, unavoidable accidents, invasions, insurrections, riots or order of any military or civil authority, whether the damage be direct or collateral, other than as herein provided.
11. Individuals or groups visiting the Cary Cemetery are responsible for their own safety, whether or not a "Hold Harmless Agreement" has been signed.

Landscape Management at the Cary Cemetery

It is understood that the information outlined below shall be the procedure for the Management of Landscape at the Cary Cemetery:

1. Digging or disturbing the surface of the cemetery is strictly prohibited without the written consent of the Village.
2. Glass or ceramic containers, flower holders, toys, or accessories are not permitted in the interest of public safety.
3. Live flowers or papier mache containers are welcome and may be used. Annuals or perennials planted on the graves will be limited to a small area directly next to the monument and must be mulched and tended to by the person responsible for the planting. Plantings must be kept weed and grass free and those that are not tended to and become unsightly shall be removed without notice by Village staff.
4. Plantings must be on the respective lot and not extend more than 12" perpendicular from the monument. Village staff assumes no responsibility for the preservation, maintenance or protection of any type of grave decoration. Plants that must be removed for a grave opening will be set to the side and are the planter's responsibility to replant.
5. Holiday or special event arrangements and floral pieces can be placed at the Cary Cemetery up to three (3) weeks before a recognized national Holiday. Village staff will remove arrangements or flowers if they are not removed within one (1) week after a Holiday. The Village assumes no responsibility for lost or stolen items.
6. Individual American or military flags can be displayed throughout the Cary Cemetery the week prior to Memorial Day, on a volunteer basis.
7. After an interment, funeral designs and floral pieces must be removed from the Cary Cemetery by the funeral home or family of the deceased. After one (1) week or they will be discarded by Village staff.
8. All debris resulting from the removal of floral arrangements or from the raking or weeding activities must be removed from the Cary Cemetery. No trash is to be left on site, unless placed in the available trash receptacles.

9. Permission from the Village is required before planting or removing trees, shrubbery, or plants from a Cary Cemetery lot or other Cary Cemetery property. The Village shall have the authority to prune, remove or transplant any tree, shrub, plant, or other vegetation upon any lot when deemed such a course is necessary for the safety and well-being of the Cary Cemetery.
10. The Village reserves the right to remove any flowers or plantings which interfere with the maintenance, present a hazard, and/or detract from the appearance of the Cary Cemetery.
11. The Village of Cary provides two (2) water faucets for the general use of cemetery patrons. Water from these faucets is to be used only for the maintenance of vegetation within the boundaries of the Cary Cemetery.

Interment Costs at the Cary Cemetery

1. The Village of Cary has ceased the sale of new burial lots (effective June 1, 2021).
2. Interments and cremation burials are still offered to individuals and families with past deeds and/or proof of cemetery lot transfers.
3. The transfer of lots or parts thereof to another party must be reported to the Village in the writing before said party will be allowed the use of the transferred property. If the buyer dies while intestate, the lot shall descend to his or her heirs. No person shall be recognized as owner or part owner of a lot unless his or her name appears on the Deed or they have proof that they are legal heirs.
4. The cost for interment at the Cary Cemetery shall be the following:
 - i. Weekdays and Saturdays- **\$950** (updated 02.19.19)
 - ii. Sundays and Holidays - **\$1,800** (updated 02.19.19)
5. The cost for cremation services at the Cary Cemetery shall be the following:
 - i. Weekdays and Saturdays - **\$525** (updated 02.19.19)
 - ii. Sundays and Holidays - **\$950** (updated 02.19.19)

Procedure for Interments

1. At least forty-eight (48) hours notification of impending interment is required by the Funeral Director or person(s) making arrangements to the Village. No interments of a body other than that of a human being will be permitted.
2. Upon notification from the Funeral Director of an upcoming interment, Village staff will work with the Funeral Director or members of the deceased's family to identify the correct grave location and determine the earliest possible time for interment. When definite information for locating the gravesite is not available, Village staff will exercise its best judgement in marking the location.
3. The Funeral Director shall present all necessary forms for any interment, disinterment, and re-interment to the Village, prior to entering the Cary Cemetery for interment, disinterment, and re-interment.
4. The standard excavation for a burial vault shall be forty-two (42) inches wide, one hundred and twenty (120) inches long, and deep enough to sufficiently allow eighteen (18) inches of dirt over the top of the vault. The maximum outside dimensions (Including handles) of a burial vault will be reviewed on a per-burial situation depending on the weight and size of the deceased. No person or persons except an authorized representative of the Village shall alter the size of a grave opening for any reason. Oversize vaults will require additional grave space and the interment fee is subject to a special cost assessment.
5. Grave opening may be completed by hand or equipment and shall conform to all applicable state laws. The Village's contractor for the opening and closing of gravesites will be the only authorized personnel allowed to open or close a grave. All interments shall be conducted under the supervision of the Village and in accordance with all state and county health rules and regulations. Graves are to be closed immediately following the interment ceremony.
6. Only one burial per grave with the following exceptions:
 - i. One (1) burial (vault) and one (1) cremation per full sized grave
 - ii. One (1) infant in small grave (1/4 grave each)
 - iii. Four (4) cremations per full-size grave (1/4 grave each)
 - iv. Two (2) cremations per half size grave
7. All burials must be interred in a permanent type vault. Infant may be buried in a "cherub," which serves as a vault
8. Cremations are required to be placed in appropriate vault. Urns may not be interred without appropriate vault type. No cremated remains shall be scattered on any lot or cemetery property at any time.
9. Funeral Directors, monument companies, vault companies and/or their agents are responsible for the installation of vaults, caskets and for providing the necessary equipment or any other devices for handling, lowering, or lifting of such actions.

10. Unless prior approval is obtained by the Village, all heavy equipment must remain on the street. Trucks are not permitted to be driven over marked graves.
11. The Funeral Director is responsible for the actions of all vehicle drivers or others employed by them while within the Cary Cemetery grounds. With the exception of the Funeral Director's vehicle and immediate family member vehicles, all funeral procession vehicles are to be parked outside the Cary Cemetery along the surrounding streets.
12. Tents, chairs, or other items used for the interment service must be removed immediately after the funeral service has concluded by the rightful owner or authorized user of such items.
13. Soil removed during the opening of a gravesite shall be removed from the Cary Cemetery and deposited at a specific location determined by the Village until the interment process is completed.
14. Excess soil or soil that cannot be mounded upon the burial site, will be removed from the Village's specified location within twenty-four (24) hours after interment and shall be deposited of by the Village's contractor. The mound of soil directly over the interment site will be seeded by Village staff within forty-eight (48) hours after interment, weather permitting.
15. Interment services must be completed, graves closed, and all persons associated with the funeral must be out of the Cary Cemetery by dusk.

Marker Requirements and Restrictions

1. The Cary Cemetery requires that burials are recognized with either a headstone or marker to identify the interred. If a headstone or marker cannot be afforded by the deceased's family, the Village will work with the family to coordinate some type of appropriate identification.
2. The identification for placement and maintain ace of headstones and markers in the Cary Cemetery will be the responsibility of the Village. The Village will work with the Funeral Director and/or members of the deceased's family to ensure the proper placement of any headstone or marker.
3. The Installation of any headstone or marker will be the responsibility of the monument company selected by the Funeral Director or member of the deceased's family. Prior to the installation of any headstone or marker, the monument company must contact he Village to ensure the correct placement of the headstone or marker has been identified.
4. Only one (1) headstone or marker per grave is allowed at each burial site. The headstone or marker must be placed at the grave, facing east. If two (2) or more interments are in one grave, the names and dates shall be placed on a single headstone or marker.

5. A minimum 4" concrete apron must be installed around all headstones and markers. The marker is to be flush with the ground to facilitate maintenance of the Cary Cemetery.
6. No monument may be installed in such a fashion that it extends beyond the boundaries of the designed grave or lot, or that will interfere with future grave openings or the monument of the Cary Cemetery maintenance equipment.
7. Any Monument or marker that interferes with the opening of a grave must be moved before the grave is opened. Any damages incurred while moving the headstone or marker will be billed to the party responsible for the move. All monuments or markers temporarily moved must be replaced within twenty-four (24) hours of the initial move.
8. The monument company is responsible for any stone/turf damage caused during the placement of the headstone or marker. If repairs are not made within reasonable time, or in the event the Village repairs the damage, the monument company will reimburse the Village for all costs incurred.