

Guidelines for Headstones and Markers

Individuals making arrangements for the installation of a headstone, memorial structure, monument, or marker are encouraged to consult with the Sexton about their plans before making a purchase in order to make sure that it is compliant with the specifications and policies most recently adopted by the Township Board.

Foundations

1. All headstones and markers must be placed on a foundation that is purchased from the township and installed by cemetery personnel.
2. The foundation must match the size or be up to two inches larger on all sides of the headstone or marker.

Composition

1. Headstones, monuments, and markers must be made of durable granite or bronze.
2. Materials such as marble, wood, or steel are not permissible due to the poor long term durability.

Placement

1. Headstones and markers must be installed at the head of the grave on a foundation.
2. Veteran markers may be placed on the headstone or separately in the ground on the gravesite.
3. A structure or inscription placed in or upon any burial site will be removed if it is determined by the township board to be offensive, improper or injurious or affects the appearance of the surrounding lots or grounds.
4. Headstones and markers will not be installed during the winter months. Monuments and markers that are delivered in the winter months will be installed as soon as possible after April 1.
5. The sexton will install headstones and markers within 2 days, excluding Saturday and Sunday, if notified 14 days in advance of the size of headstone or marker and of the delivery date. If a headstone or marker is delivered without advance notification, it will be installed within 30 days.