

WOODLAND CEMETERY ASSOCIATION
Delaware County 13-050

Policy and procedures for winter burials

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- A. When the ground freezes, is ice covered or snow covered, there will be no graveside services allowed. This is done for the safety of families, friends and others and to protect the Association from liability issues.
- B. During the winter season, a committal service could be held at the entrance located at Cuddeback Avenue. Bodies can be stored in the vault at a \$75.00 charge to plot owners. Interment would be done when feasible in the spring.
- C. Winter burials may be done if weather conditions permit with the approval of the superintendent and president or two (2) Board members.
- D. Winter conditions that could effect this decision:
1. Snow covering so deep that the burial lot cannot be located.
 2. Ground frozen 12 inches or more so that probing for vaults cannot be done effectively.
 3. More than 12 inches of frost will prevent us from digging even if no vaults are nearby.
 4. Spring and fall wet conditions at the grave site so that the lawn on surrounding graves would be damaged in the process of opening your site.
 5. Unreasonably cold temperatures and/or wind chill factors.
 6. Weather conditions that would cause our roads to break up under the weight of heavy trucks and equipment.
- E. If we proceed with the opening of the grave during the winter season, the standard rates posted on our current rate chart will be used. All the extra costs of equipment, labor, and subcontractors will be billed to the plot owner. (We have the right to request an amount to be held in escrow for Spring repair due to winter wear)
1. Hiring of heavy duty backhoe and operator.
 2. Rental of and operator for frost remover.
 3. Cost of removing snow from the roads from the Cuddeback or the Orchard Street entrance to the burial site.
 4. Cost of snow removal in and around the site to accommodate the vault truck and other equipment. All snow must be trucked away as it cannot be piled on other grave sites.
 5. You will be responsible for the cost of spring cleanup such as filling in ruts and reseeded (if necessary) at your site and to other sites damaged as the result of your burial. This could include concealed damage to monuments and stones on other sites.
 6. No visitors at the grave site during the process.