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TO OUR LOT HOLDERS

AFTER A BURIAL, THERE ARE TWO (2) MATTERS THAT ARE ALWAYS OF IMMEDIATE CONCERN TO FAMILIES. They are the overall care of the grounds of the cemetery and the marking of the grave. The few comments below will make you aware of both the time and climate factors involved.

IN THE SPRING AND IN THE FALL all “new” burials are re-leveled, loamed and seeded for new growth of grass on your lot. In the summer months, both heat and dry conditions will prevent effective seeding. Because of these conditions, all “new” burials will only be top dressed with loam and re-seeded in the fall.

DURING THE WINTER MONTHS when the ground is frozen, seeding is not effective and graves will be top dressed only. In the spring, these graves will be re-leveled, tamped, loamed and seeded in the spring.

SEEDING DOES NOT ALWAYS “TAKE” and a regular inspection process follows each seeding. Sometimes, depending on current weather conditions, it is necessary to do an additional seeding at a later date.

NEARLY ALL NEW GRAVES WILL SETTLE simply because the ground has been disturbed and although graves are tamped, some additional settlement is likely to happen. When this occurs, these graves receive additional loam and seed as needed.

MARKERS MAY BE ORDERED ANYTIME DURING THIS YEAR. They are placed on your lot soon after being received by the cemetery - except during the winter months. As soon as the ground is frozen, markers are not set. This varies in any given year based on weather conditions.

MARKERS ALSO SETTLE DURING THE FIRST YEAR or so because they are also set in soil that has been disturbed to make the burial. The cemetery personnel checks newly set markers after the first year of installation to correct this settling.

SINCE NATURE HAS A WAY OF INTERVENING in man-made plans, even the best plans and procedures may sometimes not work out in practice. If your marker or grave is not up to satisfactory standards within the time periods noted above, please do not hesitate to contact our office for correction.