

GAINES CHARTER

TOWNSHIP

8555 Kalamazoo Avenue, SE
Caledonia, MI 49316

GAINES CHARTER TOWNSHIP CEMETERY RULES/RESTRICTIONS

These rules/restrictions are effective January 14, 2025

The following rules and restrictions are intended to benefit all visitors and aid in the proper maintenance of the cemeteries.

DESCRIPTION	ALLOWED	NOT ALLOWED
Annual Flowers	X	
Perennial Flowers	X	
Urns	X	
Metal Baskets	X	
Artificial Flowers	X	
Benches	X	
Decorative Wreaths (Dec. 1 st -Apr 1 st only)	X	
Niche Adornment	X	
Glass Vases		X
Solar Lights		X
Decorative Flags		X
Stuffed Animals (or other personal items)		X
Trees/Shrubbery/Evergreens		X
Fences/Railings/Edging		X
Gravel/Brick/Stone/Woodchips/Marble around headstone		X
Landscaping Lights		X
Stick signs/yard art (other than flowers)		X
Decorations	Please see specifics on Page 2	

*Restrictions as follows:

- Limit of one (1) of the following per grave:
 - Shepherds hooks with hanging basket
 - Planter
 - Basket with flowers
 - Urn with flowers
 - Artificial Flowers in container
 - Annual or perennial flowers planted in front of headstone. Limited to 12” across the front and must be a minimum of two (2) inches from the grass
- Natural (not artificial) flowers are only permitted to be planted in front of the headstone. Plantings must be maintained and have at least two (2) inches of space between them and the grass.
- Artificial flowers are permitted but must be in a container and maintained.
- Niche adornments – Only suction cup attachments that do not infringe on adjoining niches may be used.
- No artificial ground cover is permitted. This includes marble stone, lava rock, woodchips, etc.
- No brick or stone borders may be used. No fencing, railing, or edging is permitted.
- All planters must be placed directly next to the headstone.
- Benches are allowed as an alternative to a headstone. The bench must be placed on an approved foundation that extends a minimum of six (6) inches beyond the perimeter of the bench.

NOTE:

The Township reserves the right to remove any decorative item, planting, display, etc. that is not well maintained, or does not conform to these Rules and Regulations. Items removed will be placed to the east of the maintenance building.

Gaines Charter Township is not responsible for damage to headstones or decorative items placed around the headstone.

PURCHASE AND TRANSFER OF GRAVES AND NICHES

The purchase of all graves and niches shall be conducted by the Township, subject to any rules and regulations now existing or hereafter promulgated. The burial rights certificate (detailed receipt) shall so state. Graves and niches may also be acquired through transfer by intra-family assignment if such an assignment is approved by the Township Clerk and recorded in the cemetery records of the Township. The sale of graves and/or niches may not be to funeral directors or others, except for those acting as a legal agent for an eligible purchaser.

The purchase and transfer of burial rights in Gaines Charter Township for the purpose of resale or speculation is prohibited and the Township reserves the right to refuse any purchase or transfer for such purpose.

Please reference Gaines Charter Township Ordinance # 2025-01 for a detailed listing of permissible purchases and transfer of graves and niches.