



## Monument FAQ

### 1 Can I have more than one monument on my plot?

Multiple memorialization is only permitted on plots in the Hill section of the Cemetery.

- A flat marker may be installed flush with the ground and butted up to the primary monument
- Any additional memorialization in the Meadow is only permitted in the form of a plaque affixed to the primary monument.

Additional monuments, including flat markers require additional maintenance in both summer and winter.

- Staking is required in the winter so equipment will not drive over them, which could possibly scratch the surface.
- Mowers would need to drive over flat markers, which could scratch them and driving around additional monuments requires additional maintenance time and costs.
- Monuments require whip trimming, which creates additional maintenance.

The Meadow section was developed to minimize maintenance costs, which is why the concrete runners are continuous, and why there are no flat markers allowed.

### 2 How come my solar lights keep getting removed?

All memorializations are required to be permanently fixed to the monument to ensure they don't conflict with maintenance activities, which may cause damage to the memorial.

- It is recommended that a vase be installed on the base of the monument at the time of purchase.
- Items placed on or in the ground next to the monument will be removed by staff, before maintenance occurs so as not to damage them.
- Items of obvious value will be tagged and held to be claimed.

### 3 My family member's monument seems to be leaning. What do I need to do to fix this?

- Please notify our office and our staff will assess the monument.
- If it is something that can be completed by the Cemetery staff, then they will make the necessary adjustments.
- If special equipment is required, we will reach out to a local monument company for assistance.

### 4 Who is permitted to install a monument?

Anyone installing monuments is required to:

- Hold a current City of Yorkton Business License.
- Provide a copy of \$2 million liability insurance.
- Be aware of the City of Yorkton Cemetery Bylaw and related Monument Regulations.
- The following local businesses provide monument services:
  - Bailey's Funeral Home - 306-783-7552
  - Christie's Funeral Home - 306-782-2312
  - Kopan's Funeral Home - 306-783-0099
  - Tymiak's Monuments - 306-795-2428

### 5 Why do the sides of my monument's base need to have a rock pitch finish?

- This base acts as a buffer between the monument and the regular ground maintenance around a monument. The rock pitch finish is intended to absorb any impact from ground maintenance along the monument base.

### 6 Why is there is a space between my monument and the first cremation interment in a plot?

- Each standard plot has established buffer zones to allow for multiple interments.
- Each plot is allowed 1 primary monument; and in the Hill section only, 1 flat marker to accommodate memorials for these additional interments.
- 2 feet at the head of the plot is designated for the primary monument, which allows the monument to be installed on undisturbed land. A casket interment will take place below this 2 foot buffer to minimize the chance of the monument sinking forward over time.
- The head (first) cremation is completed 3 feet from the primary monument buffer. This allows 2 feet for the flat marker to be installed without being on top of a cremation interment, which may settle over time.
- Monuments are not placed on top of interments as the ground has been disturbed and will settle over time resulting in monument sinking and possible damage.

### 7 Can I have a pillow monument in the Woodland Path?

- The intent of the Woodland Path is to provide as natural a resting place as possible and the monument regulations for this area reflect this standard. As such, pillow monuments are not permitted in this area.
- The options of monuments for the Woodland Path are specifically selected to minimize the impact of the area when installing and maintaining monuments.