

Antwerp Township Cemetery Information



Harwick
Cemetery

Antwerp Township
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A Brief History...

Antwerp Township has three cemeteries within its boundaries. Maple Grove Cemetery is located along Red Arrow Highway in Mattawan; Harwick Cemetery is located along CR 657 between Red Arrow Highway and County Road 364; and Bangs Cemetery is located on the west end of the township in Paw Paw along Red Arrow Highway.

The first adult person buried in Antwerp Township was Ann Van Antwerp's grandmother. "The Van Antwerp Burying Ground" was her resting place; this cemetery is currently known as Harwick Cemetery. Jesse Abbe owned the second cemetery; it was originally a "private" cemetery for residents belonging to a property association. The township eventually obtained ownership of the cemetery and enlarged it in 1936. It is currently known as Maple Grove Cemetery. Bangs Cemetery in Paw Paw has ties to the Theophilus Bangs family.

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- may be removed when, in the opinion of the township, they have begun to deteriorate.
20. Glass jars or bottles shall not be used as vases for flowers or otherwise.
 21. Winter wreaths, globes, or blankets may remain on the gravesite from the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving to the first Sunday in May.
 22. No trees, rose bushes, or other perennial plants may be planted in the cemetery, except those planted by the township. The township may trim any trees, shrubs, etc., as necessary.
 23. Two containers of cut flowers in a bouquet holder that can be submerged to ground level and are a type approved by the township may be installed on each gravesite. If such containers are not installed in a manner that is satisfactory to the township, they will be removed.
 24. Visitors to the cemeteries shall maintain proper decorum there shall be no loud, undignified, or boisterous conduct.
 25. There shall be no littering in the cemeteries.
 26. No personal shall enter or be within the cemeteries in which the dates and hours of operation are restricted except during its posted dates and hours of operation without the prior written approval of the township supervisor or his/her designee.
 27. Pets are not permitted within the cemeteries.
 28. Any damage to turf, trees, shrubs, flowers, or other structures resulting from the delivery or setting up of memorial work, may be assessed to the person, firm, or corporation selling the memorial work or the person (s) doing the damage.
 29. Except as otherwise provided in these rules, all landscaping shall be under the control of the township and only the township may make plantings.
 30. Any damage caused by the elements or by an act of God shall not be compensatory to grave or lot owners.
 31. Unless intentional, any damage caused by maintenance of the cemetery shall not be compensatory to grave or lot owners.

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New Years Day	Labor Day
Good Friday (afternoon)	Thanksgiving Day
Easter Sunday	Friday after Thanksgiving
Memorial Day	Christmas Eve
Independence Day	Christmas Day

7. Gravesites are for the burial of human remains only.
8. All burials, except cremated remains, shall be in vaults of a type acceptable to the township. Cremated remains shall also be in a container of a type acceptable to the Township.
9. No person other than the cemetery employees or township contractor shall open any gravesite or do any excavating within the township. There may be an extra charge during the winter months of December, January, February, for opening any gravesite due to frozen ground.
10. The township may insist on 24 hours notice prior to an interment and 48 hours notice prior to any disinterment.
11. All memorials require placement on a foundation and attached with re-rod and adhesive approved by the Township.
12. Cemetery personnel shall install and inspect placements of headstones and markers.
13. All materials used for memorials are subject to the approval of the Township.
14. The principal inscription of a memorial shall face the nearest road or path.
15. Headstones, markers, or other permanent memorials above the ground or partly above the ground, must be constructed of first quality granite or marble. All such materials which are used in memorial work must be guaranteed by the memorial dealer to be of first grade, clear stone, at least six inches in thickness free from sap or anything that will cause rust stains, so that it will not crack or chip. Workmanship shall be done in a workmanlike first class manner.
16. Nothing may be placed on or around any gravesite unless it is provided for in these rules.
17. The township may remove any urns, containers, etc., used for two consecutive years for any gravesite.
18. The township will remove anything placed on any gravesite in violation of these rules at the expense of the person or persons who have violated these rules.
19. Any flowers, plants, or other decorations properly placed on any gravesite

Purchasing a Burial Site

To purchase a burial site, please contact Chantel Reyna, at 269.668.2615 x200.

Graves

1 grave	\$800 (township residents) only
4 graves	\$2500 (township residents) only

Burials

Regular	\$650 (weekdays) or \$750 (weekends and/or holidays)
Cremation	\$300 (weekdays) or \$400 (weekends and/or holidays)
Infants	\$200 (weekdays) or \$300 (weekends and/or holidays)
Winter	Add \$200 (Dec—March) depending on the amount of Snow removal needed

Rules and Regulations

These rules and regulations shall apply to all cemeteries owned and/or operated by Antwerp Township and shall not be construed to deprive any person of a vested property right.

1. Lots in Harwick Cemetery are for sale to Antwerp Township residents only. Payment in full must be in advance to any burial.
2. The township is to conduct all lot/grave sales; the township will not honor private sales, however transfers are honored when requested through and approved by township.
3. The Antwerp Township Board regulates pricing for all cemeteries.
4. The person (s) making burial arrangements must submit a proper burial permit to the township clerk or sexton in order for a burial to occur and the marker/headstone to be placed..
5. All funerals must enter the cemetery by 4 p.m. in the summertime and before 3 p.m. in the wintertime. There will be an extra charge for each hour or portion thereof for funerals entering the cemetery after these hours.
6. Antwerp Township will not accept orders for interments on the following recognized holidays: