

## Bench Policy

1. A memorial bench may be installed on an owned cemetery plot with these restrictions:
  - a. It must be made and installed by a monument company
  - b. It must be made entirely of monument quality stone (such as granite)
  - c. It must be placed in-line with the headstones
  - d. It must be set on a full pad covering the entire ground directly under the bench
  - e. Its foundation under the pad must extend below the frost line
  - f. It and its foundation must be at least 3 inches from the boundaries of the plot
  - g. It may span two adjacent burial spaces, such as for a longer 48" bench
2. Benches that are not made of monument quality stone are considered more temporary and may be placed in other parts of the cemetery grounds, other than burial plots, at the discretion of the Board. These benches can have a memorial purpose with a memorial plaque installed, but since they are not everlasting they can be moved, removed, or replaced at the discretion of the Board.
3. A bench with some memorial purpose that is not made of everlasting materials and has started to break down or become an eyesore can be moved, removed, or replaced at the discretion of the Board after a good faith effort to contact friends and relatives to offer a remedy.
4. Any exception to this policy requires approval by the Board.

The rationale for rule 1a is that such a bench will be aesthetically pleasing, everlasting, and installed correctly with the appropriate foundation. The Board is reluctant to approve of any benches that have a memorial purpose in other parts of the cemetery that are not made of monument quality stone.