
Atlas Township Cemetery Policy: Prohibition on Headstone Cleaning

Purpose:

To preserve the integrity and historical value of headstones and monuments, and to prevent damage caused by improper cleaning methods or unauthorized activity.

Policy:

The cleaning, scrubbing, or application of any cleaning agents to headstones or monuments in any Atlas Township Cemetery is **strictly prohibited** without prior written authorization from the Township.

This policy applies to all individuals, including but not limited to family members, volunteers, and contractors.

Rationale:

Headstones and monuments, particularly older ones, can be fragile and may be permanently damaged by improper cleaning techniques or products. Many contain historic materials such as limestone, marble, or sandstone that require specialized care.

Authorized Maintenance:

All cleaning or preservation efforts shall be performed or approved by qualified personnel designated by Atlas Township or certified professionals with experience in cemetery preservation.

Enforcement:

Unauthorized cleaning may result in penalties, including but not limited to removal from the cemetery grounds and financial liability for any damage caused.

Questions or Requests for Authorization:

Individuals who wish to request headstone maintenance may contact the Township Office at [Phone Number] or [Email Address] for more information.
