



Omro Cemetery Frequently Asked Questions

1. **What are lots and grave spaces?** A lot is a grid block containing 1-6 grave spaces. Grave spaces are 5' x 10' in area. You may purchase as many grave spaces as you need.
2. **How are the burial excavation fees determined?** The city has a contracted provider for full grave excavation and winter cremation excavation as we do not own the equipment necessary to complete these operations. Our fees are based on the fees they charge us. The city uses an auger on a bobcat type vehicle to open cremation burials when the ground is not frozen.
3. **Does Omro Cemetery buy back unused grave spaces or lots?** No. Generally, it is the responsibility of the property owner to sell their grave space(s). I will try to resell your lot at a reduced rate over current grave costs upon notification.
4. **How many full body / casket burials can fit in one grave space?** One. One additional cremains may be added in the headstone row or behind the headstone if the casket burial was planned with that intent. Excavated to leave spacing for a cremation at the time of the casket burial.
5. **How many cremation burials can be designated for burial in one grave space?** Two. Although the size of the grave space would hold more cremation burials, the city's tracking and rules allow for only two cremations per grave space.
6. **Do you have to put a casket in a vault?** Yes. Usually, the funeral home takes care of this aspect of the burial requirements. Or you can make the arrangements yourself through Wilbert Vault. For more information visit <https://www.fonddulacwilbert.com/>
7. **Does an urn require a vault?** Yes. Most funeral homes can provide an urn vault for you or you can provide your own if it is non-biodegradable, sealed and of a size that fits within the standard 18" round cremation excavation. One online shopping site for urn vaults is Amazon. https://www.amazon.com/s?k=urn+vaults&ref=nb_sb_noss_2
8. **What sections of the cemetery have lots and grave spaces available for sale?** Only the northern most Plats in Egan's 2nd Addition in the cemetery have grave spaces for sale. See maps.

9. **What is perpetual care / maintenance?** This is a fee that is charged upfront at the time of grave space purchase that prepays for the expenses of maintaining the space for landscaping and lawn maintenance in perpetuity.
10. **What does the perpetual care maintenance fee get used for?** Lawnmowing, tree and shrub grooming, weeding around monuments and markers, seeding grass, and ground leveling of soil.
11. **Does Omro Cemetery have payment plans for the purchase of grave spaces?** No, unfortunately the city does not have a payment plan option currently. Full payment is required for the purchase of a grave space.
12. **Can you pay for a burial or funeral in advance?** No, the city does not take pre-arrangement fees at time of grave purchase as the cost for burials changes over time. All other fees are charged at the time of interment / burial. There are burial insurance policies available for purchase on the open market. Contact a funeral home for more advice on pre-planning for funeral costs.
13. **Is it legal in Wisconsin to have a natural burial?** Yes, it is legal to have a natural burial in all fifty states, however, rules and regulations may differ and not all cemeteries allow for natural burials. Omro Cemetery ***does not*** allow for natural burials without a vault (no casket).
14. **Do we get a formal title or certificate in addition to a receipt for the purchase of the lots?** Yes, you receive a deed certificate and a perpetual care certificate for the spaces purchased.
15. **Are there any special rules for markers, headstones (shape, size, color), and placement of things (urns, flowers, etc.) at gravesite?** Yes, you will also receive the rules and regulations for the cemetery at the time of purchase.
16. **Can head stones be ordered, bought from any specific company and be placed before interment?** Yes, the monument company takes out a permit with us for placing the foundation and the stone. Currently \$50.00 permit fee. Only the supplier/monument vendor can place the stone per the rules and regulations.
17. **Can I reserve the grave spaces for individuals?** Yes, you certainly may indicate which grave space is reserved for whom at the time of purchase.
18. **Which direction does the body lie in relation to the headstone?** In the Omro Cemetery the body lies to the east of the headstone row for the space purchased with the feet at the eastern most point.
19. **Can I put the headstone inscription on either the east or west of the stone?** Yes, it is your preference. Most place the inscription on the west side of the stone facing the highway so the stones are easily read as you drive into the cemetery.
20. **Is there a current fee schedule for the cemetery?** Yes, see the main cemetery page of this website for the link to the document.