



Jolley-Gifford Cemetery Policies

These policies outline standards for the Jolley-Gifford Cemetery located at 221 Paradise Lane, Springdale, UT 84764.

The Jolley-Gifford cemetery is maintained and administered by a team of Town staff which includes the Town Sexton, the Parks and Recreation Department, and the Clerk's office. All information regarding the following policies and other cemetery information can be found on the Town of Springdale website.

Burials

Burial Rights

This cemetery is the designated burial ground of the Town. Only permissive burial rights are sold (not actual land ownership) and the Town retains the title to the cemetery property. A certificate of burial right will be issued to each purchaser after fees are paid in full. Because the cemetery is maintained by local taxes Springdale residents are assessed at a different rate than those who live out of town. Residents are not permitted to buy lots for non-residents at the local rate, but may purchase lots for non-residents at the non-resident rate. A resident is someone who has resided in Springdale for at least twelve (12) consecutive months immediately prior to purchase. When burial rights are purchased, each burial plot must be designated to an individual.

Jolley-Gifford Cemetery Rates

	Resident	Non-resident
Plots	\$350	\$1600
Vault Open/Close	\$200 (weekdays), \$300 (Saturday)	\$250 (weekdays), \$350 (Saturday)
Cremains Open/Close	\$100 (weekdays), \$200 (Saturday)	\$150 (weekdays), \$250 (Saturday)
Exhumation	\$500	\$500

***An additional fee of \$50 applies to services performed after 3:30 PM Monday - Saturday**

Burials per Grave

In a standard plot it may be possible to inter up to two cremains. This will ultimately be determined by the Sexton based on the circumstances of the plot. One vault burial and one cremation may share a plot. No more than one vaults is allowed in any standard plot with the exception of two infants.

Cremations

There may be some plots in the cemetery that are only available for cremains. These plots may be for single or double burial. This will be subject to the approval of the Sexton based on the circumstances of the plot and burial. At this time the Town of Springdale allows for an interment to be done for cremations. These interments must not exceed 12" in width or diameter (if larger than this a full burial fee will be assessed).

Ordering a Grave Opening

Arrangements for a grave opening can be made by the funeral director or any other responsible party by contacting the Town Sexton. The required fees must be paid to the Town and vital statistics information provided to the Sexton. Accurate and complete information is required for accurate record keeping. The required information consists of the following:

- Name of deceased
- Dates and places of birth and death of the deceased
- Name of spouse of the deceased
- Names of parents of the deceased
- Place of interment (obtained from the Sexton)
- Location, date and time of funeral services
- Name of the funeral director or mortician

The Town must have at least seventy-two (72) hour notice for preparation of the gravesite.

Vaults are required for all burials with the exception of cremains. Vaults must be made of concrete, fiberglass, steel or brick lined, or of such other material approved by the Health Department, substantially constructed and covered with a similar durable material. No wood shall be used as any permanent part of the vault.

The necessary information should be given to the Sexton and the appropriate fees paid to the Town by the family representative or the funeral director. No person, except the owner or person in whose name the plot is reserved, may be buried in that plot.

Hours for burial

Burials are performed between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:30 PM Monday through Saturday. Burials that take place on Saturday require an additional fee. Burials are not permitted on Sundays or days recognized as holidays by the Town of Springdale. If a burial must take place after 3:30 PM, an overtime fee will be assessed.

Headstones and Decorations

Headstones and Markers

The Town of Springdale has the following requirements regarding size and placement of headstones. A single headstone can be a maximum of 24" wide by 24" long by 36" high, with a 6" concrete collar on all four sides. The collar must be flush with the ground. A double headstone can be a maximum size of 60" wide by 24" long by 36" high, with a 6" collar on all four sides. The collar must be flush with the ground. The Town of Springdale allows only one headstone per grave; footstones are not permitted with the exception of footstones on plots where veterans are interred. Flat or flush monuments and headstones are strongly preferred as this will allow for better upkeep of the grounds around the headstone. All permanent vases must be attached to the monument, stone base or cast into the concrete collar. No vases separate from the memorial will be permitted.

Headstones (and footstones when permitted) are personal property. All monuments within the cemetery are the property of the burial right owners, their heirs or the responsible party that ordered or placed them. All care and upkeep of monuments is the responsibility of the owner. The Town provides care and maintenance of the cemetery grounds and desires to limit its liability for inadvertent damages that may occur as a result of this maintenance. If the owner has headstones cleaned or repaired, the Sexton shall be advised before the stone is removed. The owner will be responsible for any damage to the cemetery incurred by such removal. The Town will not be held responsible for damages or wear caused to headstones through irrigation of grounds or rodent activity. If headstones or markers are determined to be a safety hazard, the Town will take reasonable measures to inform the owner. If the owner is unable to respond to the issue, the Town reserves the right to take necessary measures to remedy the safety hazard.

Upright headstones are allowed except in certain areas of the cemetery where for mowing purposes the headstones must be set flush to the ground. Headstones can be placed only at the head of the grave. It is the responsibility of the owner of the headstone to arrange and pay for the movement or relocation of all headstones when the grave is opened and closed.

Scheduling of headstone installation must be arranged at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance with the Town of Springdale. If a headstone is to be installed, a grave marker must be placed at the time of burial and remain in place until a headstone is installed. The marker shall be placed at the head.

To ensure proper soil compaction and to avoid tilted headstones, upright headstones shall be installed no sooner than six (6) months after the burial.

While headstones are not required, all graves will be documented by Town staff for recordkeeping and to ensure that burial locations are accurate.

Decorations

All decorations must be contained on the footprint of the gravesite. Springdale Town will not be responsible for flowers and other personal property left at the cemetery and may remove items that interfere with the proper care of the grounds. No glass containers are permitted. No object driven into the ground is permitted. Trees located in the cemetery are not to be decorated in any way.

Any permanent decorations must be approved in writing by the Sexton. If permanent decorations are permitted, it will be the responsibility of the applicant to maintain the grave, including the removal of weeds.

In regards to decorations around temporary markers: If the family of the deceased desires to decorate the grave of a loved one prior to the placement of a headstone they must maintain the area around the marker. If it is observed by the parks staff that the area is not being maintained, the decorations will be removed and the needed maintenance performed. If the temporary marker will remain for an extended period of time, the family may apply for permanent decorations. The same rules apply to permanent decorations whether the marker is temporary or permanent.

Town staff will have the right to remove any decorations or temporary markers that are deemed unsightly in order to perform upkeep.

Planting of Vegetation

All planting of vegetation at the Jolley-Gifford Cemetery will be completed by the Parks and Recreation Department. The Town reserves the right to void certain plots that are not currently purchased or occupied to accommodate the planting of vegetation. All other planting of any type of vegetation at the Jolley-Gifford Cemetery is strictly prohibited. Any unauthorized vegetation planted will be promptly removed.

Flowers on New Graves

Decorations or flowers on new graves will be removed and disposed of by the cemetery crew no sooner than seven (7) days. Special flower mementos should be removed at the conclusion of services by those interested in keeping them. After the grave is closed, the casket spray may be placed at the center of the grave with other flowers and containers being laid down in an orderly fashion around the spray with containers extending outward.

Orientation of Headstones

The Jolley-Gifford Cemetery is currently divided into four blocks with block 1 occupying the section of grass on the east, blocks 2 and 3 occupying the large center portion of grass, and block 4 occupying the section of grass on the west. The orientation of headstones is determined by which block the plot is located in.

- Block 1: Headstones face west
- Blocks 2 and 3: Headstones from the midpoint of the block to the curb along the east side of the cemetery road will face east. Headstones from the midpoint of the block to the curb along the west side of the cemetery road will face west.
- Block 4: Headstones face east.

Additional Policies

Recreation

The acts and activities found in sections 7-6-14: Prohibited Acts and Activities and 7-6-18: Regulated Activities of the Town Code are not permitted at the Jolley Gifford Cemetery.

Alcohol

The consumption of alcohol in the cemetery is prohibited.

Hours

No individuals are permitted within the cemetery between the hours of 11:00 pm and 6:00 am.

Cemetery Cleanup Days

There will be intermittent cleanups done at the cemetery by the Town staff. All decorations will be removed from all headstones with the exception of approved permanent decorations. This will be done in order to improve the care and appearance of the cemetery.

American Flag Display Days

Town of Springdale staff will adorn the cemetery with American flags on Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Veteran's Day.

Wreaths Across America

During the third Saturday in December, the Town of Springdale participates in the Wreaths Across America program. This event is held to honor those individuals who have served our country. This event includes a program as well as the placing of wreaths on each veteran grave.

Children and Pets

Children under the age of eight shall not be allowed in the cemetery unless accompanied by a responsible adult. Dogs shall not be allowed to roam the cemetery. If not kept within a vehicle, they must be controlled on a leash and shall not be allowed to soil graves.

Errors and Omissions

Burial rights are granted in the Springdale Jolley-Gifford Cemetery, acceptable to the rules and regulations as they are now in force and may be adopted or amended from time-to-time by the Springdale Town Council. The Town of Springdale reserves the right to correct any errors and omissions made by it in connection with its issuance of any certificate of burial right, including but not limited to errors or omissions in the plot description or the unavailability of the plot at the time of interment. The Town of Springdale may, in its sole discretion, cancel any certificate of burial right and substitute another conveyance of equal value or similar location in lieu thereof, or cancel the certificate of burial right and

refund the reasonable value of the certificate based on the rate in effect at the time of the certificate is presented to the Town of Springdale.

Disinterment or Exhumation

Cemetery grounds are sacredly devoted to the interment or repose of the dead. In those rare circumstances where it is necessary to disinter or remove remains from the cemetery, it will be necessary to comply with all applicable Utah State laws. The Sexton will schedule and direct the exhumation after all necessary permits have been secured and applicable fees have been paid, including any fees payable to the County Coroner, as needed. Consultation with a funeral director is required for this procedure. Town personnel cannot perform the exhumation beyond removing soil.

Additional Notes

**The Town of Springdale reserves the right to enter upon any grave to perform all work necessary for the care and upkeep of all lots and graves in its cemeteries.

**Special exceptions to the policies pertaining to fees and burials may only be granted by application to the Springdale Town Council.