

Cemetery FAQs

1. Why do the cemeteries have regulations?

The City of Rock Hill recognizes that its municipal cemeteries are sacred grounds reserved as a final resting place for the deceased. It is the desire of the City to operate and maintain cemeteries that are beautiful, dignified and an appropriate final resting place for departed loved ones.

2. How can I find my family and friends that are buried in the City owned cemeteries?

The City maintains cemetery records and provides for the use of an online cemetery search for burial plots by deceased name, burial date, etc. The Cemetery employees can help families locate the burial sites of family members by calling 803-329-5548 or Customer Care at 803-325-2500. If you are looking for a list of names, please submit your request in writing or email us your request with all available information. Our email address is <mailto:cemetery@cityofrockhill.com> and our mailing address is:

City of Rock Hill
Property Maintenance Department
Attn: Cemetery Records
P. O. Box 11706
Rock Hill, SC 29731

3. Where can I find the City cemeteries?

- Laurelwood Cemetery, 143 Laurel Street, Rock Hill, SC. This cemetery is located across from the old Rock Hill Printing and Finishing Plant. It is bordered by Laurel Street, White Street, Stewart Street, and Main Street. [Directions](#)
- Forest Hills Cemetery, 4290 Old York Road, Rock Hill, SC. The cemetery is located on Highway 161 about a mile beyond the Rock Hill/York County Airport. [Directions](#)
- Barber Memorial Cemetery, 1272 Soulsville Road, Rock Hill, SC. The cemetery is located off Highway 5, West. [Directions](#)

4. Who is the contact person for the City of Rock Hill Cemeteries?

The contact person is Michael Thompson. He is the Supervisor of the cemeteries. His telephone is 803-329-5548. If he is out of the office, you may call 803-329-7042 and one of the Administrative Division employees will assist you or set up an appointment for you to meet with Mr. Thompson. Or email us at <mailto:cemetery@cityofrockhill.com>

5. How do I purchase a lot in the City's Cemeteries?

To make that important purchase, call the Cemetery office at 803-329-5548 and request an appointment to meet with a Cemetery Services employee. They will meet you to assist in selecting the lot you wish to purchase.

Criteria:

- Are you a City-resident, non-City resident?
- Do you wish to purchase a flat-marker lot or a monument lot?
- Do you wish to purchase a crypt?

6. What is the cost of cemetery lots in the City's Cemeteries?

The cost of the lots is determined by several criteria and are the same amount in all three City-owned cemeteries. See "Cemetery Price List" on the Property Maintenance Home Page.

7. Where are lots available in the City Cemeteries?

- Laurelwood Cemetery has lots available in sections 22 and 23.
- Forest Hills Cemetery has lots available in sections 1 - 10. There are various sizes and some are in the flat marker sections and some in the monument sections. Several sections have both flat marker and monument lots.
- Barber Memorial Cemetery has lots available in sections 1 - 5. There are various lot sizes available in the flat marker area and monument areas.

8. Where are Jewish lots available?

There is a section set aside at Forest Hills Cemetery for those of the Jewish faith. You may contact the cemetery staff at 803-329-5548 for more information about the Hebrew section of Forest Hills Cemetery.

9. Why is preplanning and pre-purchasing a cemetery lot so important?

- Often decisions affecting your family are made together; unfortunately a sudden loss of a loved one can leave a lot of unanswered questions that can be emotionally and financially crippling at a time of loss. Preplanning can make a difference now by resolving those important decisions together. Purchasing a cemetery lot today may save you the higher rate in the future. If a cemetery lot is pre-purchased, it may save money that will be needed by the loved ones left behind.

10. What is the cost of opening and closing a grave?

The rates are determined by whether it is for an adult, a child, an infant, or cremation, if it is during normal working hours, a holiday or weekend.

11. Why doesn't the City of Rock Hill collect opening and closing fees at the time of purchase?

The City of Rock Hill does not collect the opening and closing fees in advance. We cannot anticipate future cost of this service.