



# HOWARD COUNTY CEMETERY PRESERVATION ADVISORY BOARD

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## **Graveyard and Burial Sites Maintenance Information**

### Please DO:

- Get permission from owners before entering cemetery.
- Remove scrub trees and prune shrubs to prevent damage to gravestones from roots.
- Provide trash receptacles and benches. Have the bins emptied regularly.
- Equip mowers with a rubber guard and blade guard.
- Use handheld clippers for trimming around markers.
- Plant small, close lying clovers and groundcovers near gravestones and in other hard to mow areas.
- Use signs to inform visitors of regulations.
- Educate maintenance personnel regarding procedures for historic graveyard care.
- Continue to maintain the site.

### Please DO NOT:

- Do not enter site to do any work without the written permission of the owner.
- Do not remove fallen or broken markers.
- Do not clean stones frequently.
- Do not mow immediately next to stones.
- Do not use a weed-whacker or trimmer for close trimming.
- Do not use commercial herbicides around gravestones.
- Do not use pressure washers, sandblasters, wire tools, soaps, bleach or detergents on gravestones.
- Do not apply sealants to gravestones.
- Do not move gravestones or try to make straight rows for easier mowing, to create paths, or to correct a gravestones facing direction.
- Do not harm - use the least intrusive methods available and when in doubt do not touch.
- Do not attempt to work or linger after sundown for personal safety.