



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

Rules for Urn Plots

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Definitions:

Urn Plot: This consists of an allocated space within a stone surrounded area for the placement of headstone and a plot of ground immediately outside the surround for the burial of an urn(s).

Rules:

- Galway County Council (Council) provides a right of burial service within an Urn Plot in a few graveyards for the interment of human ashes. Persons wishing to avail of this right may purchase an Urn Plot from the Council through the Burial Ground Caretaker.
- The Urn Plot and surrounding facilities are the property of the Council. The purchase of the right permits' interment of human ashes only. No property ownership rights are vested because of the purchase.
- The allocation of an Urn Plot is made by the Caretaker. Allocation is on a next available basis and cannot be purchased in advance.
- The Council will invoice the purchaser the cost of an urn plot within two weeks of allocation and payment is to be made within two weeks of the invoice date. The purchaser cannot resell a space within an urn plot at any stage.
- All receptacles/urns for ashes are to be provided by the purchaser and must be sealed and made of non-perishable material.
- A maximum of two urns will be permitted to be interred in the urn plot within the area defined in Drawing A.
- For Urn Plots the receptacle/urn must be buried with a minimum of 30cm cover. During excavation there shall be no encroachment onto the adjoining plots. The plot must be reinstated with the excavated material to the same level of the adjoining ground and grassed. No decorative stone will be permitted outside the surround area.
- The procurement of the headstone for the urn plot is the responsibility of the family/next of kin. The headstone must match the specification in Drawing A.
- The burial ground caretaker must be present during the opening and closing of an urn plot during the installation or removal of an urn.
- All interments in an Urn Plot will be recorded in the Register of Burials.
- The placing of memorabilia within the Urn Plot surround will not be permitted. Fresh flowers will be permitted so long as they do not encroach onto neighbouring space and are removed when withered.

- The Council and its authorised agents reserve the right to remove non-compliant material from Urn Plots surroundings to maintain a safe and clean area and to provide a consistent and respectful service.
- The cost of an Urn Plot is €675.