

Private Burying Grounds

Those persons wishing to do so may establish a family burying ground by setting aside a piece of land no larger than $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, fencing it or marking the boundaries in some permanent manner, and recording a description with the municipal clerk of the municipality where it is located and/or with the Registrar of Deeds. It is recommended to record it with the both since a burying ground is set aside forever once a body is buried and it cannot be conveyed when the land around it is sold.

Private burying grounds are subject to the same restrictions as other cemeteries and cannot be located within 100 ft. of a neighbor's house or 200 feet of his well if the neighbor protests in writing. Persons wishing to establish a family burying ground would be well advised to consult with neighbors and with municipal officials concerning local ordinances.

If additional information is need, contact the Division of Health Engineering at 287-5338. The Maine Cemetery Association may be contacted for information on requirements for burial grounds at 1-800-585-6589. Private burial grounds are regulated by the same requirements as any public burial grounds.