

# Cemetery Preventative Maintenance



## Grounds Maintenance

- (1) Pre-emergent herbicides are applied during spring months to combat undesirable weeds and grasses such as crabgrass.
- (2) Broadleaf weeds are sprayed each spring to prevent further multiplication and spreading.
- (3) Irrigation systems are winterized each fall with compressed air to prevent damage from freezing temperatures during winter months.
- (4) Trees are trimmed; dead and diseased limbs are removed to prevent possible injury to cemetery users.
- (5) Signs, decks and boardwalks are treated with oil base stains annually to preserve the integrity of the wood.
- (6) Hand tools are checked often for needed repairs.

## Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance

- (1) Preventive maintenance is performed on all vehicles and equipment according to manufacturer's specification and as outlined in the CAPRA Standard 7.7 Fleet Management.
- (2) Daily inspections are required prior to the use of any vehicle or equipment and include the following:
  - Check engine oil
  - Check hydraulic oil level if applicable
  - Check tire inflation
  - Check coolant levels
  - Visual inspection
  - Grease as specified by manufacturer
- (3) Lawn mower blades are sharpened every other week.

## Walkways

- (1) Walkways are checked weekly by maintenance crews throughout the summer season for potential hazards and problems.
- (2) Uneven joints in concrete walks are ground to eliminate tripping hazards.
- (3) Severely cracked and broken concrete is replaced as needed.
- (4) Snow is removed from all hard surface trails and walkways within 24 hours of a snow storm. Ice melt is applied as needed.
- (5) Gravel surface trails are not maintained in winter months.
- (6) Hard surface trails are cleaned as needed with high powered blowers.