

What Can I Do If a Cemetery is Not Being Maintained?

Contact the Cemetery Owner or Management

Reach out to the owner or management of the cemetery to address the maintenance issues. They may be unaware of the problem and willing to take action.

Contact Your Elected Official

City, County, and/or State representatives need to hear from their constituents about sites in need of maintenance.

Per *SC Law Section 6-1-35*. Preservation and protection of cemeteries, local governments are “authorized to preserve and protect any cemetery located within its jurisdiction” by using public resources to take actions such as placing signs, markers, fencing, or other features to identify and aid in the preservation and protection of the cemetery.

<https://tinyurl.com/bdh6dk7e>

Coordinate Community or Volunteer Efforts

Organize or participate in community clean-up efforts. Many communities have volunteer groups that help maintain cemeteries.

Contact local non-profit organizations, elected officials, and municipal staff to request assistance.

Take Legal Action

If the cemetery is not complying with state laws or contractual obligations, you might consider legal action. Consult with an attorney to explore your legal options for ensuring the cemetery is maintained.