

Gravestone Cleaning Resources

<https://mht.maryland.gov/Pages/research/cemeteries.aspx>

[Guide for Practitioners 2 Conservation of Historic Graveyards](#)

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1739/upload/preservation-brief-48-grave-markers.pdf>

<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/01/16/preservation-guidelines-cemeteries.pdf>

This one has some general background information but seems to suggest harsher cleaning methods than I saw elsewhere for gravestones.

https://issuu.com/hspubs/docs/guide_for_practitioners_2_-_conservation

This publication from the UK has some fun background on medieval and early post Reformation history. They recommend that lichens and other biological growth be retained or only gently removed in areas where lettering is obscured.

<https://bpb-us-w1.wpmucdn.com/sites.usc.edu/dist/9/583/files/2022/03/APT-Cemetery-Survey.pdf>

This document has interesting information about CAD software programs that can map digitally. Not sure how to find a friendly existing user who might be willing to load up a graveyard map for us.

<https://heritagenl.ca/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/Landscape-of-Memories-2003.pdf>
Pages on 10 common repairs has good diagrams for resetting tablet stones. As in other documents, they do not recommend much stone cleaning other than to make lettering legible. Lichens should just be gently brushed off.

<https://www.winterthur.org/caring-for-your-collections-caring-for-your-familys-gravestones/>