

Cleaning gravestones is a wonderful way to preserve the past, but it is important to clean gravestones the correct way.



BEFORE cleaning with ONLY water



AFTER cleaning with ONLY water

D/2 BIOLOGICAL SOLUTION

In cases where a stone requires cleaning, and mosses, lichens, or other biological growth cannot be removed with just water, MOCA recommends the use of D/2. It is safe to use near grass and most landscape plantings. All D/2 residue must be thoroughly rinsed off after the stone has been treated.

For specific instructions on the use of D/2, visit moca-me.org/d2



Never use bleach!



No power washers!



Don't clean zinc memorials!

MOCA WORKSHOPS

MOCA offers three recurring workshops.

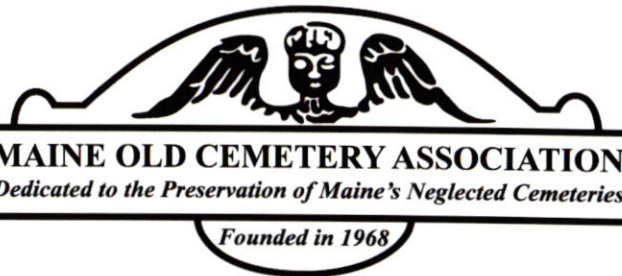
- **Cleaning Workshops** offer hands-on instruction for proper methods to clean gravestones. Led by trained MOCA members, 1-day Cleaning Workshops are available periodically to organizations upon request.
- Groups may also request instruction in straightening leaning tablet stones in a **Leaning Workshop**, which may be combined with a Cleaning Workshop for a full day of instruction.
- Intensive multi-day **Conservation Workshops**, led by a professional conservator, are held every few years.

See moca-me.org/workshops for additional information and workshop schedules.



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For more information about cleaning gravestones,
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CLEANING GRAVESTONES



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