

How to Clean a Bronze Memorial Marker:

In a lawn cemetery, bronze headstones exposed and susceptible to environmental weathering. While most bronze grave markers feature protective coatings, they wear away over time. With regular cleaning, you can keep a bronze headstone looking like new for years to come and prevent oxidation.

It is important to remember to never use abrasive materials while cleaning bronze. Items such as sandpaper and steel wool can scratch the surface, wear away the clearcoat seal and cause permanent damage.

To clean your bronze marker, you will need:

- A few clean, dry dishcloths.
- A non-ionic cleanser such as “Simply Green” or “Joy or Ivory Dish Soap”.
- Two gallons of distilled water.
 - One gallon will be used as is for rinsing.
 - To the second gallon add two-three teaspoons of your cleanser.
- A soft bristle brush and/or a soft bristle toothbrush.
- Optional: Bronze paste wax and a soft cloth applicator.

First, carefully remove any loose debris.

Next, wet the headstone with plain distilled water and gently scrub with a soft bristle brush to remove grime. Using the toothbrush to reach any nooks and crannies. Rinse the brushes frequently to ensure that you remove all debris that you can.

After that, use non-ionic soapy water and scrub again to remove any stubborn stains or grease.

Once clean, rinse the grave marker with clean water and dry it completely with a clean cloth.

Allow the headstone to air-dry.

Should you choose to add a protective coating to the bronze headstone we recommend Trewax Paste Wax with Carnauba Wax. Follow the manufacturer’s instructions, remember to add only a very thin layer of paste wax as in this case, less truly is more.