

Green/Natural Burial At Evergreen Memorial Park

When people discuss Green/Natural Burial, Evergreen Memorial Park has realized there are many different thought processes and a wide range of ideas regarding Green/Natural Burial. Therefore we want to make sure the families we assist are aware of all the potential options. We try to honor all requests from family as long as they are legal and fit within the policies of Evergreen Memorial Park. We also desire to provide the best experience possible for both the family and all attendees to a Green/Natural Service, therefore we want to make sure the family understands all Evergreen Memorial Park's Green/Natural Burial Policies.

I/We have been given, discussed, understand and decided upon the following options for Green/Natural Burial at Evergreen Memorial Park -

Preparation of Unembalmed Remains

_____ Remains are to be left in natural state (no preparation or dressing will be required by family).

_____ Remains were autopsied and/or a Donor case.

We wish to have the Unembalmed Remains -

_____ Prepared/Dressed/Shrouded for Viewing (Additional Fees, Required for more than an ID View)

_____ Family will provide shrouding

_____ Family will purchase shrouding from EMP (Additional Fees)

If the remains were autopsied, additional preparation will be required for dressing and/or shrouding. Evergreen Memorial Park will discuss these options with the family if needed. (Additional Fees may be required)

The Family wishes to View our loved one .

_____ ID View by one family member (no charge (no preparation will be done) (May be done at EMP Office or at graveside for ID purposes only)

_____ Photo ID provided to EMP to be placed on file as well as permission for EMP to take a photo to be placed in decedent's file.

Burial Container

Evergreen Memorial Park requires the remains be placed minimally on a solid board for handling, transporting and lowering into the grave. Evergreen Memorial Park recommends minimally purchasing the Willow Tray with shrouding for the best experience or another biodegradable casket. If the family chooses to provide their own solid board for handling, transporting and lowering, the board must be minimally 5/8+plywood 24x6q but no larger than 36x6.5q

Burial Options

Natural or Green burials may take place in any section of Evergreen Memorial Park. The Garden of the Cross and The Garden of the Pioneers does allow for the shrouded remains or other burial container to be placed in the grave in direct contact with the dirt, covered by a Concrete Bell

Vault to protect the Remains. The Green Garden does not allow any outer burial container and the remains or burial container is directly surrounded by dirt at closing.

Ground water is common in The Green Garden and The Garden of the Cross. Water may be present in the grave at the time of burial, however, Evergreen Memorial Park staff does their best to remove as much as they can prior to the closing of the grave.

The Green Garden is a North/South positioning of the graves versus the traditional East/West available in our other Gardens.

Families must provide a minimum of 4 adult pallbearers for placing the remains on the grave. The family may choose to hand lower the remains by ropes into the grave or for an additional fee Evergreen Memorial Park staff will provide the standard lowering device for lowering the remains into the grave. The lowering of the remains may be witnessed at the graveside or the family may opt to leave prior to the lowering if they do not wish to witness this process.

_____ Lowering by ropes _____ Lowering Device (Additional Fee)

Families may request to assist with the closing of the grave with hand shovels, however, Evergreen Memorial Park will not discount the Opening/Closing Fee. Any family requesting to assist with the closing of the grave must schedule the graveside by 1PM. Evergreen Memorial Park upon request will provide shovels and a pile of dirt beside the grave so the family may assist with the closing of the grave. Please remember this is a very labor some and time consuming task, but we realize many families desire to participate in this process. If family does not participate in the hand shovel closing of the grave, Evergreen Memorial Park asks that the family leave the graveside before our staff begin closing the grave.

_____ Please provide shovels and dirt, so the family may assist with the closing of the grave.

_____ We do not want to participate with the closing of the grave and will leave the graveside before it is closed.

All burials at Evergreen Memorial Park must occur before 3PM weekdays, unless special arrangements and additional after hour or weekend fees are taken care of in advance.

Month/Date/Time of Graveside _____

Contractee Date

Additional Contractee Date