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Green Cremation and Burial Texas

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GENERAL PRICE LIST

These prices are effective as of December 1st, 2023, but are subject to change without notice.

Green Cremation Texas, LLC is committed to providing our community and the entire State of Texas with transparent and empathetic service while maintaining the highest standards of ethical conduct and environmental care and concern. It is our honor to provide Texans with services that are safer for the environment and affordable for the family.

Embalming is NOT required by law and is not offered on site at our funeral homes. We have a trusted third party should a family desire this level of preservation. We utilize a temperature-controlled environment (refrigerated room) to halt degeneration and decomposition.

The goods and services listed herein are those we can provide to our customers. You may choose only the items you desire. Any listed funeral arrangements selected will include a charge for our professional services and overhead. If legal or other requirements mean you must buy any items you did not specifically ask for, we will explain the reason in writing on the statement we provide describing the funeral goods and services you selected.

We are able to accept pre-paid funeral contracts of other funeral entities or life insurance policies in good standing. Contact us for immediate information and assistance. Policies will be subject to a \$500 filing fee. Prior to drafting any contract for goods and services, the responsible party or the decedent's next of kin who is handling funeral arrangements is entitled to and will receive a copy of any pre-need agreement, in the possession of Green Cremation Texas, that has been signed and paid for, in full or in part, by or on behalf of the decedent.

Our partnership with Hughes Funeral Alternatives enables us to provide Water Cremation (also known as Alkaline Hydrolysis) to our clients. The State of Texas does not currently have Water Cremation legalized by definition, and until it does, we cannot perform this form of disposition in our state.

TERMS OF PAYMENT: Payment is due in full prior to services being rendered in full. We accept all major Credit Cards, Check, Money Orders, PrePaid Funeral Contracts, and Cash.

MINIMUM SERVICES are a "Flame Cremation" or a "Water Cremation". These are reduced cost services without a ceremony. The price ranges are the minimum services including the cost of an alternative container and or temporary urn container as well. The provided alt container for flame cremation is fiberboard but you have the option to upgrade to any vessel on our Casket Price List. **Direct Flame Cremation starts at \$945, Green Burial at \$2585.**

Basic Professional Services of Director/Staff/Overhead

Included in our Services

This fee is included in our charges for our professional services of the funeral director, staff, and overhead with all packages offered for direct flame cremation and direct water cremation, direct burial, forwarding or receiving remains. This fee includes the following: personnel available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, personal access to your funeral director, response to the initial request for service, digital arrangements and preparing paperless digital documents, authorizations, and filings, registering the death certificate in the county where the death occurred, obtaining the health department disposition permit, obtaining certified copies of the death certificate on your behalf, securing carbon offsets to ensure that all services are carbon neutral, and retaining and caring for the decedent in a green and efficient manner.

Direct Flame Cremation \$995

A direct flame cremation is a service provided without a formal viewing or ceremony with the body present. You may opt to select that service as an add on if you so desire. If you elect to arrange a direct flame cremation, you may use an alternative container. Alternative containers are a minimum requirement to house the body during the process of flame cremation. You are welcome to provide your own casket if building specs have been pre-approved by our crematory. If you provide your own container, no discount is applied.

Includes: Professional Services of the Director available 24/7

Transfer of deceased from facility of death or Medical Examiner's office to refrigerated holding (1st 30 miles from our dispatch areas included)

Sheltering of the remains in a temperature-controlled environment up to 5 days (additional days \$50ea, if delay is caused by family)

All plastics and medical devices removed from the deceased

Alternative Cremation Container (up to 249lbs)

Paperless process / Digital documents / Cremation Services

Crematory Fee

Biodegradable Temporary Container (\$20 value)

Appointment for retrieval of cremated remains in our office

Does Not Include: Death Certificates: First three copies \$30/Addtl. Copies \$4ea), County Permit Fee (\$25), House Call (\$200), Oversize Charges (see pg 3)

Water Cremation Package

\$1995

This process is Alkaline Hydrolysis. If you elect for water cremation, we must use an air tray /combo unit container at this time for regulated transportation of the deceased, which is included in the discounted package price. At this time, we are unable to provide this service to decedents over 350lbs.

Includes: Everything in the *Green Flame Cremation Package (minus the flame)*

AirTray/Combo Transport Wood Unit (for transportation)

Water Cremation Services & Operations Fee

Does Not Include: Transport to our Water Cremation provider (\$750), Death Certificates: First three copies \$30/Addtl. Copies \$4ea), County Permit Fee (\$25), Oversize Charges (varies, see itemized list), Additional Mileage (\$3.50/mi outside of our 30 mile radius)

Green Burial Package \$2585

Our green package allows for a burial to take place without the use of toxic and non-biodegradable materials or chemicals. We do not provide embalming. By law we are required to include this statement in our General Price List: Embalming is not required by law. Embalming may be necessary however, if you select or desire certain funeral arrangements, such as a funeral with a viewing, which we do not offer at this time. If you selected arrangements such as direct burial, you do not have to pay for embalming you did not approve, which we do not offer. Our caskets are created and delivered on an at-need basis, and need a minimum 3 day turnaround time to arrive to be locally crafted. Burial Services do not include the cost of a burial plot or the digging of the grave, also referred to as the "Opening/Closing". These arrangements are made through the cemetery of your choosing. Our funeral director can refer you to available cemeteries that allow green burial in your desired area.

Includes: Professional Services of the Director available 24/7

Electronic Arrangements & Paperless process / Digital Document Procurement

Transfer of deceased from facility of death or Medical Examiner's office to refrigerated holding (1st 30 miles from our dispatch areas included)

Sheltering of the remains in a temperature controlled environment up to 5 days (additional days \$50 ea)

All plastics and medical devices removed from the deceased

Scheduling of burial with the cemetery of the family's choosing

Transportation of the body to the Cemetery (1st 30 miles included, \$3.50 each addtl loaded mile)

Burial Oversight and Guidance by licensed funeral director Monday-Friday Only

Does Not Include: Cemetery Property, Opening/Closing of the Grave, Headstone, Death Certificates: First three copies \$30/Addtl. Copies \$4ea), House Call (\$200), Bioseal Shroud (\$150), Oversize Charges (varies, see itemized list)

Natural Organic Reduction (AKA Human Composting) is a contained, accelerated conversion of human remains into soil.

Includes: Professional Services of the Director available 24/7

Transfer of deceased from facility of death or Medical Examiner's office to refrigerated holding (1st 30 miles from our

dispatch areas included)

Sheltering of the remains in a temperature-controlled environment up to 5 days (additional days \$50ea, if delay is caused by family)

All plastics and medical devices removed from the deceased

Combo Unit for airline transportation Paperless process / Digital documents

Biodegradable Temporary Container (\$20 value)

Does Not Include: Transport to our Natural Organic Reduction provider (\$750), Death Certificates: First three copies \$30/Addtl. Copies \$4ea), , House Call (\$200), Oversize Charges (see pg 3)

<u>Itemized Pricing / Add-Ons to Package Services:</u> Can be part of or added to existing packages on pg 2

Basic Professional Services of the Director (reduced and included in packages)	\$500
Initial Transfer of Remains to Funeral Home from place of death or holding	\$350
Forwarding or Receiving Remains from another Funeral Home	\$500
Embalming by Third Party Provider (not required by law, only family request)	\$600
Airfare to Natural Organic Reduction or Alkaline Hydrolysis Provider (St. Louis, MO or Seattle,	WA)\$750
Private residence or house call removal (2nd technician required)	\$200
If Decedent is over 249lbs (wood cremation tray required)	\$150
If Decedent is over 349lbs. (2nd staff, wood cremation tray, additional resources)	\$500
If Decedent is over 449lbs. (3rd staff, wood cremation tray, additional resources)	\$1200
BioHazard Care (required for decomposition cases)	\$150
RUSH Death Certificate Processing and Delivery	\$150
Guaranteed RUSH Death Certificates	\$300
RUSH Cremation (we push each document thru and jump the line for cremation)	\$500
Cremated Remains Pickup- Extended Hours	\$100
Mileage outside of included 30 miles from our dispatch location	\$3.50 /loaded mile/1 way
First Three (3) Certified Copies of Death Certificate	\$30
Additional Certified Copies of the Death Certificate	\$4 each
Amended a Death Certificate	\$150 (plus fees)
Separating of Remains	\$25 per separation
Ink Fingerprints / Hair Clipping	\$50
Dressing	\$150
Bathing	\$150
Home Delivery of cremated remains within our service area	\$150
County Medical Examiner Fees	varies on location
Alternative Container (minimum requirement for cremation- fiberboard)	\$100
Air Tray (for shipping Casket by plane)	\$350
Combo Unit (for shipping body by plane)	\$250
Sheltering of Remains (initial 5 days)	\$200
Additional Days of Refrigeration (if family is delaying moving forward)	\$50/day
Viewing at our location up to 30 min (Subject to Availability)	\$300
Autopsy Repair	\$400
Use of Hearse	\$850
Use of Limo	\$850
Witness Cremation w/ Private 15 min Viewing before Cremation	\$500
Crematory Fee	\$350
Pathology Procurement Lab Fee	\$150
Liaising with Department of Criminal Justice	\$150

Packing and mailing of cremated remains via USPS within the US	\$150
MyHeritage DNA Kit & Procurement	\$200
Minimum prep (setting the features, etc for viewing)	\$200
Optional Scattering of Cremated Remains done by Staff (held privately annually)	\$300
Additional Transportation of Remains to other locations (vigil, ceremony, etc.)	\$250
International Document Processing (consulate, apostille, & infection disease documents)	\$350
Urn Fill Fee	\$20
Mailing of Returned Death Certificates	\$15
Recovery support and use of facilities	\$500
Clergy Honorarium	\$200
Filing and handling of a Court Ordered Delayed Death Certificate	\$1500
Home Funeral Assistance and Supplies (gel packs, towels, bathing supplies, professional guidance)	\$850
Memorial Service Guidance w/o body present (scheduling, guidance, attendance)	\$1550
Private Viewing	\$1250
Chapel Service w/ Body Present (up to 2 hours w/ transportation & cooling supplies included)	\$1750
Fetal Cremation/ Baby Cremation	\$600
Upgrade from Biodegradable Temporary Urn	varies- see CPL / UPL lists below

This establishment is one of a select number of funeral homes who meet the criteria for providing green funeral service by the Green Burial Council; a tax-exempt, nonprofit organization working to encourage environmentally sustainability in the field of funeral service. Our green package allows for a funeral to take place without the use of toxic and non-biodegradable materials or chemicals. Caskets & Shrouds are made available to enclose and transport. Body preparation suitable for green funeral service accommodated by the funeral home consists of refrigeration. Home wakes, public visitations, church funerals, and graveside services are options that may be arranged with our firm.

URN PRICE LIST

These prices are effective as of October 2nd, 2023, but are subject to change without notice.

Biodegradable Temporary Urn (included in all cremations) \$20

Solidified Remains (Parting Stone)	\$1,895	Full Size Urns	
		Patterned Scattering Tubes	\$85
Keepsakes		Gourd Urn	\$599
BioTree Urn	\$559	Blue Bamboo Urn	\$185
Fingerprint Pendant	\$200	Timber Wood Urn	\$260
Heart Handheld Keepsake	\$75	Embrace EarthUrn	\$249
Lock of Hair/ Ink fingerprint	\$50	Meta Poplar Wood Urn	\$350
Wood Heart	\$75	Tribute Bamboo Urn	\$250
MyHeritage DNA Kit & Procurement	\$200	Life Treasured Wood Urn	\$150

CASKET / SHROUD PRICE LIST

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Alternative Container/Recycled Cardboard Unit	(minimum requirement for cremation)	\$100
Air Tray / Combo Unit	(for overland and air transport)	\$200
Cotton Shroud with Handles	(made in New Mexico)	\$399
Bamboo Shroud with Handles	(made in New Mexico)	\$500
Bamboo Cremation Container	(made in New Mexico)	\$879
4 Pt. Bamboo Casket	(made in New Mexico)	\$1,379
22g Metal Casket		\$700

These prices are effective as of August 30th 2023, but are subject to change without notice. In most areas of the country, state or local law does not require that you have an outer burial container, however, some cemeteries do require that you utilize one.

Concrete Vault w/ Delivery and Setting

\$1500

AFTER CARE IDEA LIST

These offerings are effective as of October 2nd, 2023, but are subject to change without notice. Click for info.

Memorial Reefs International - Save the Ocean, become a Memorial Reef

Parting Stone - Turn Loose Cremated Remains into Solid Stones

Eterneva - Diamonds from Ashes

Cemeteries

TFSC does not regulate family cemeteries under 10 acres, city, county, or perpetual care cemeteries.

Cremation

The law requires a cremation container, which is rigid for easy handling and made of combustible materials to be used for all cremations. Embalming and a casket are not required for cremation.

Texas law prohibits cremating any dead human body within 48 hours after death. A Medical Examiner or a Justice of the Peace may waive this time requirement. Both entities are required to have a written policy in place on how a person may request a waiver of the 48 hour time limit.

Cremated remains may be disposed of or kept in a number of ways:

- Scattered on the private property of a consenting land owner
- Interred in a cemetery
- Placed in a niche in a columbarium
- Kept by the family in their home
 Scattered upon public lands or waterways

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There are legal prohibitions regarding the solicitation by a funeral director at or near the time of death. Solicitation means any direct or indirect contact with the family, next of kin, or one who has custody of a person who is deceased or near death for the purpose of securing the right to provide funeral services or merchandise for the deceased or person near death.

Advertising by Funeral Providers

Consumer protection statutes require all advertising to be factual and clear in content. Any misrepresentations should be reported to the TFSC, the Office of the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, or the local Better Business Bureau.

Prepaid Funeral Contracts

Prepaid funeral contracts are governed by Texas Finance Code Chapter 154. Texas law requires sellers of prepaid funeral contracts to have a permit issued by the Texas Department of Banking or be acting as an agent for a licensed permit holder.

Prepaid funeral contracts vary in terms, funding options, and coverage and should, like any other purchase involving a substantial amount of money, be reviewed carefully before execution.

With a prepaid funeral contract, a consumer is entitled to receive all guaranteed items selected on the contract at no additional charge, if the terms of the contract have been met. There may be additional charges for items that are not part of the prepaid contract or those cash advance items purchased as nonguaranteed items.

Permit holders are required to provide an informational brochure discussing prepaid funeral benefits contracts to all potential purchasers. Additional information regarding prepaid funeral contracts can be found at www.prepaidfunerals.texas.gov

Additional questions regarding prepaid funeral contracts may be directed to:

Texas Department of Banking

Texas Department of Banking 2601 North Lamar Blvd. Austin, Texas 78705-4294 (512) 475-1285 / (877) 276-5554 www.dob.texas.gov

Additional questions regarding an insurance policy issued in connection with a prepaid funeral contract may be directed to:

funeral contract may be directed to:
Texas Department of Insurance
Consumer Help Line
P.O. Box 149104
Austin, Texas, 78714-9104
(512) 463-6515 / (800) 252-3439

Complaints Against a Funeral Provider

The TFSC licenses and regulates funeral homes, funeral directors, embalmers, crematories, and certain cemeteries. Anyone who believes an individual or establishment licensed by the TFSC has violated the Commission's governing laws or rules may file a complaint by submitting a completed complaint form to the TFSC.

Complaints should specify the exact nature and circumstances of the complaint. The complainant should include copies of all documents received from the funeral establishment or relevant to the complaint. Allegations are reviewed for a violation of Texas Occupations Code, Chapter 651.

Complaints must be in writing and sent to:

Texas Funeral Service Commission P. O. Box 12217 Capitol Station Austin, Texas 78711 Fax: 512-479-5064

Complainants are notified when the complaint is received, every three months until the complaint is resolved and upon resolution.

Other entities a person may contact with

- Attorney General of Texas, Consumer Protection Division, P.O. Box 12548, Austin, Texas 78711, 512-463-2070
- Local Better Business Bureau
 Local Funeral Consumers Alliance

Texas 75201, 1-877-382-4357.

 Local Funeral Consumers Alliance
 Federal Trade Commission, Dallas Regional Office, 1999 Bryan Street, Suite 2150, Dallas,

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FACTS ABOUT FUNERALS



Consumer Brochure

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Texas Funeral Service Commission P. O. Box 12217 Austin, Texas, 78711 512-936-2474 / 1-888-667-4881 512-479-5064 (fax)

TFSC FACTS ABOUT FUNERALS®

A family may take care of all aspects of disposition from death to interment, inurnment, entombment or transporting out of state without the assistance of a funeral director/establishment.

Individuals and establishments must be licensed by the TFSC in order to provide services and goods compensation.

Licensing Information Available

A person can verify an individual and/or establishment is licensed in the state of Texas by following the "License Search and Verification" link on the TFSC website.

What to Do When a Death Occurs

- Contact local law enforcement official if the death was unattended
- A coroner, Justice of the Peace, or attending physician must make a determination of
- Locate decedent's letter of direction, prepaid funeral contract, insurance policy and/or will
- If no direction exists, priority next of kin must determine disposition A Report of Death and a death certificate are
- legally required upon death

Written Direction for Disposition

Under the law, a person has the right to designate how to dispose of his/her remains. TFSC has a form on its website that outlines the substantive information to be included when providing a written designation to control disposition.

Available Methods of Disposition

Human remains can be buried, entombed, cremated, or donated for scientific study.

Control of Disposition of Decedent's Remains

If the decedent left no written direction for disposition, the following persons, in the order listed, have the right to control disposition and are liable for the reasonable cost of interment:

- the person designated by the decedent
- the decedent 's surviving spouse (common-law spouses are recognized in Texas)
- 3. any one of the decedent 's surviving adult children
- either one of the decedent's surviving parents
- any one of the decedent's surviving adult siblings
- any adult person in the next degree of kinship in the order named by law to inherit the estate of the decedent

If the person with the right to control the disposition fails to make final arrangements within six days after receiving notice of the death or within 10 days after the date of death, whichever is earliest, the person is presumed to be unable/unwilling to control disposition and the person's right to control disposition is terminated and passed to the next person on the above priority list.

Death Certificates

By law, a report of death must be made within 24 hours of death and a death certificate must be filed with the state within 10 days of death.

Information Needed for Death Certificate

- Full Name (Maiden, if applicable)
- · Date of birth
- · Social security number
- Residence address
- Spouse's name (Maiden if applicable)
 Father's name & Mother's maiden name
- · Place of burial or disposition

Funeral Costs

Funeral establishments are required to give consumers current retail price information over the telephone upon request.

Before discussing funeral arrangements, funeral establishments are required to give consumers a General Price List (GPL). This list itemizes the costs of funeral services and merchandise for sale. If not included on the GPL, the funeral home must also provide a Casket Price List, an Outer Burial Container Price List, and an Urn Price List.

These retail prices must specify at least the charges for the following items, if available for purchase through the establishment:

- Forwarding or receiving remains to or from the funeral establishment
- Direct Cremation
- Immediate Burial
- Embalming
- Other Preparation of the Body
- Use of Funeral Establishment and Staff for viewing, funeral ceremony, memorial service and/or graveside service
- Use of hearse and/or limousine
- Caskets and/or outer enclosures if not provided on a separate list
- Filing a claim seeking life insurance proceeds
- Other itemized services provided by the funeral establishment/staff

Price Lists also must include:

- Name, address and phone number of the establishment
- The effective date of the price list
- Notice stating: "You may choose only the items you desire. If you are charged for items that you did not specifically request, we will explain the reason for the charges on the written memorandum. Please note that there may be charges for items such as cemetery fees, flowers and newspaper

Statement of Goods and Services (Purchase Agreement)

A consumer must be given a Statement of Goods and Services at the conclusion of the arrangement conference. The statement must be signed by the funeral director and include:

- Funeral goods/services selected and the prices to be paid for each of them
- Itemized cash advance items with prices given to the extent then known or reasonably ascertainable
- Total cost of the goods and services selected
- Complete description of goods purchased (i.e. casket, urn, outer burial container)

Embalming

Embalming is the use of chemicals, internally and externally, to disinfect and slow body decomposition. Texas law does not require embalming. Most common carriers require a body to be embalmed prior to shipping. The laws of the destination country/state apply

Because of the deterioration of a body after death, Texas law requires all bodies held for over 24 hours or in transit must be embalmed, refrigerated, or encased in a leak and odor proof

By law, a funeral provider must get express permission (either in writing or verbally) to embalm the decedent.

Caskets and Outer Burial Containers

Caskets are constructed from various materials including steel, copper, bronze, and wood. There is no direct relationship between the features of the casket and the preservation of the body.

Caskets and Outer Burial Containers are not required by state law, however, there may be cemetery or mausoleum restrictions regarding caskets and outer burial containers or vaults.