

Cremation Information

Web Site Information

- www.cremationassociation.org
CANA is an association of crematories, cemeteries and funeral homes that offer cremation. A publication list is available on its Web site.
- www.funeralswithlove.com/cremation.htm
Explanation of cremation, reasons for choosing cremation, and distributing remains.
- Montana State University Extension Service
www.montana.edu/wwwpub/pubs/mt200201.html
Fact sheet takes a look at cremation as an alternative to burial or entombment, explores personal and family concerns.

Direct Cremation

When you arrange a direct cremation service, the body is cremated as quickly as possible after death. There is no visitation or other services with the body present. You can, however, opt to arrange a memorial service, which typically is conducted after the cremation. Embalming is NOT REQUIRED when you arrange a direct cremation service. You are NOT REQUIRED to purchase a casket if you arrange a direct cremation service. Firms that offer direct cremation must offer their customers an alternative container, which is constructed of cardboard, plywood or other composite materials. Crematories have requirements regarding the type of alternative container they will accept for the cremation.

Source: www.lowcostcremation.com/

Direct Cremation Costs in North Dakota and Elsewhere

In checking with several funeral homes in North Dakota, the cost for a direct cremation ranged from \$975 to \$1,695. This included an alternative container provided by the funeral home; basic services of staff, which include filing the necessary papers with the state, care of the body until transport to the crematory (not to exceed 24 hours) and coordination with the crematory; initial transfers of the deceased from place of death (local); transportation to crematory; and crematory charge. Out-of-state direct cremation costs advertised on the Internet included Metropolitan Funeral Service in New York, which charges as low as \$625 for a direct cremation, and the Illinois Cremation Society, which charges \$1,220 for a direct cremation.

Disposal of Ashes in North Dakota

In the state of North Dakota, once cremation has taken place, this is considered to be "final disposition." The state has no laws restricting where cremated remains may be scattered. The North Dakota State Department of Health suggests that a person contact the city auditor's office concerning the disposal of ashes in a city. For more information, contact the office of the state health officer in Bismarck at (701) 328-2372.

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