

CEMETERY PRICING GUIDE

This guide will help you ask key questions and compare prices and requirements of different cemeteries.

Cemetery name: _____ Location: _____
 Owner: _____ Sales person: _____
 Phone number(s): _____ Office hours: _____

Obtain brochure and map of cemetery. Drive or walk through the cemetery and note its appearance and upkeep of gravestones, grass, trees, fences, and buildings; amenities (access to water, benches, chapel, crematory, outdoor and indoor crypts and niches, sections devoted to children, veterans, ethnic or religious groups, natural burials). Obtain a copy of the posted prices and regulations.

Are you interested in a traditional burial, natural burial, columbarium space, mausoleum space, or scattering garden/area for cremated remains?

| If you are interested in a burial plot: | Price: |
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| Single adult casket size | \$ _____ |
| Child size plot | _____ |
| Double (for side-by-side caskets) | _____ |
| Double (for two-tiered caskets) | _____ |
| Possible combinations of caskets and urns in one plot? | _____ |
| Vault (is it required?) | _____ |
| Grave liner (is it required?) | _____ |
| Concrete box (is it required?) | _____ |
| Is there a fee for setting the outer burial container (purchased here) | _____ |
| Is there a fee for setting the outer burial container (purchased elsewhere) | _____ |
| Opening and closing of grave | _____ |
| Endowment and/or perpetual care fee | _____ |
| Grave marker/monument | _____ |
| Foundation for monument | _____ |
| Ask about rules for grave markers, foundations, committal ceremonies, flowers and plantings. | _____ |

Disposition options for ashes in cemetery:

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| Columbarium niche: single, multiple | \$ _____ |
| Outdoor wall niche | _____ |
| Urn-size ground plots | _____ |
| Regular size ground plot for multiple urns | _____ |
| Urn vault or liner (required?) | _____ |
| Grave marker | _____ |
| Scattering area | _____ |
| Opening and closing of niche or plot | _____ |
| Endowment and/or perpetual care fee | _____ |
| Memorial markers for niches & scattering | _____ |
| Rules on urns, sizes accommodated, flowers: | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |
| _____ | _____ |

Scattering garden or common area:

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| Fee for the scattering garden | \$ _____ |
| Fee for the common area scattering | _____ |
| Fee for endowment or perpetual care | _____ |
| Area for marker or inscription? | _____ |
| Estimate of inscription cost | _____ |
| Any other charges I should be aware of? | _____ |

Grave markers and tombstones:

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| Do you sell them? (price range) | \$ _____ |
| What types of markers are allowed? (upright ___ flat ___ metal ___ stone ___) | _____ |
| Fee for setting your marker | _____ |
| Fee for setting marker bought elsewhere | _____ |

Other questions you may wish to ask:

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| Total cost if you buy pre-need? | \$ _____ |
| Total cost if you use this week? | _____ |
| Additional fee(s) for Saturday or Sunday or holiday burial? | _____ |
| What will you have to pay the cemetery to transfer the title? | _____ |
| What are the financing options? | _____ |
| What happens if you die before the plot is completely paid for? | _____ |
| What are your options if you move, wish to sell the use of the space, or elect another plan? | _____ |

Any other charges or issues?
