TOWN OF ARLINGTON



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Green Cremation Burial Rules and Regulations The Green Field

A natural place for those who desire a simple return to the beginning.

- 1. The Green Field is located between the Operation Freedom veteran's burial area, Meadowbrook Park Conservation Land and the front burial area of the HH section of Totten Way.
- 2. This cremation area is for human remains only who have been directly cremated upon death without benefit of preservation/embalming in any form except for the use of the preservative Freedom. No animal remains are permitted.
- 3. Cremains are directly placed into the Green Field either in a certified biodegradable container or directly poured into the ground without benefit of a container or bag.
- 4. The area for the cremains will be dug at least 14 inches and will be 1 square foot in size.
- 5. A Funeral Director or crematory will provide a letter stating that the person was cremated as a direct cremation, and in an approved green manner, to the cemetery office before placement of the cremains is allowed.
- 6. Verification of a biodegradable receptacle, if one is to be used, will be presented to the cemetery office before placement of the cremains is allowed.
- 7. Upon placement of the cremains, the attendees may participate in closing the area, helping to apply soil, loom and seed. Flower petals may be left at the site at that time. No reclamation of soil or ashes may take place after the ceremony is over. Any ashes that are to be distributed must take place beforehand.
- 8. Once placement of the cremains has been finalized, the cemetery office will provide a Certificate of Placement to those responsible for the deceased.

- 9. There will be no marking of the area, flowers, or decorations allowed at any time during, or any time after, placement of the cremains. The area is to remain in a natural state.
- 10. The cremains will be documented in the Green Field Placement Book with name, date of death, type of cremation, date of placement, area of the Green Field utilized and the container-if any- that was used. Verification letters of cremains processing and containers will also be kept in the cemetery office.
- 11. Green Field areas are re-usable after 2 years if a container was not used, and 5 years if a container was used.
- 12. Alternating the sides and the middle of the Green Field will be done to ensure even distribution, usage and re-usability of the area.
- 13. The cost for placement of cremains in the Green Field is \$250. This includes preparation of the site, documentation and Certificate of Placement.
- 14. All standard cemetery over time, weekend and holiday charges will be included if applicable.