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People choose green burial for many different reasons ranging from simplicity to ecological and spiritual motives. The green burial movement advocates interment that is easier on the earth. This involves natural burials that are chemical-free with no embalming, use of biodegradable caskets or simple shrouds, and grave sites that do not contain cement vaults.

Our funeral home can offer formaldehyde-free embalming fluids that will adequately preserve the body for up to several weeks, as well as eco-friendly caskets and urns which vary in price. According to the National Funeral Directors Association, in 2014 the national median cost of a conventional adult funeral with viewing, burial and vault was \$8,508. A green burial may cost thousands of dollars less, depending on how and where it is done. Much depends on the choice of merchandise and choice of services selected.



Unlike conventional burials designed to stave off decomposition; green burials are frequently at a depth of three to four feet to permit access by aerobic bacteria and enhance decomposition.

From information gathered on the internet there are 11 green cemeteries in the United States. The closest completely green cemetery, called Foxfield Preserve, is located in Ohio. (Where you might have to find your loved one through GPS). Funeral directors don't have a problem with green burial; it is just that many local cemeteries will not allow it. Southlawn will provide choices.

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