## Eco-Friendly, Green Cremation

A PARTING GIFT TO THE PLANET

Leave behind an honorable legacy...
and a sustainable future.

Cremation, by its very nature, is a greener option than burial. There are no environmentally-harmful chemicals used, no materials going into the ground. Cremation reduces land use as well. It's common today for families to bury multiple people in cremation urns in a cemetery plot reducing land consumption.

According to reports by Casket and Funeral Association of America, Cremation Association of North America, Doric Inc., The Rainforest Action Network, and Mary Woodsen, Pre-Posthumous Society, "Each year, 22,500 cemeteries across the United States bury approximately 827,060 gallons of embalming fluid which includes formaldehyde and other hazardous chemicals. Buried caskets contain 90,272 tons of steel, 2,700 tons of copper and bronze and 30-plus million board feet of hardwoods."

These reports go on to cite, "In addition, casket manufacturers are listed on the EPA's top 50 hazardous waste generators list due to chemicals such as methyl and xylene used in the protective finish sprayed on the caskets exterior."

If you have spent your life considering the environment, it only seems natural to choose a final disposition that does the same. Cremation allows you to leave an honorable legacy and a sustainable future for those behind you. Consider it your parting gift to earth.



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