

GREEN MOUNT CEMETERY



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Natural Burials

Definition at Green Mount – *full body burial that stimulates natural decomposition.*

What are the differences in comparison to Green Mount's traditional casket burial?

1. Goal is to decompose the body with little environmental impact – which means using a biodegradable outer container (could be a basket, shroud or natural wood only casket)
2. Backfill around the burial will be a sand mix 3:1 with our own compost (made from our leaves and horse manure). We will also place a 4 inch layer of stone approximately 8 to 12 inches from the top to mark the grave shaft. This will assist future grave diggers to know the location.
3. Settling of the mix around the burial may occur. Haybales will be used to cover up winter burials.(Keeps the ground from freezing and the decomposition from stopping.)
4. No upright monuments will be allowed in the specific natural burial section. Flat markers will be mandatory
5. Water may be present in the grave at the time of burial - but perhaps we can dig the grave differently to move the water.
6. Grave size will be larger than conventional graves. Not quite sure on size.
7. Lots larger than 2 graves will need to be properly located in this section.
8. This area will only be mowed once a year in the fall.
9. Landscaping will include pollinators, trees, shrubs, wildflowers, grasses
10. Reinternment may be impossible to perform.

Pricing is being reviewed