

GREEN BURIAL – THE WOODLANDS

PHILOSOPHY: Green burial is regarded as a statement of personal values for those who seek to minimize their impact on the local and global environment. Green burial is available at the Burial Park in areas we refer to as WOODLANDS interment zones.

SITE PROTECTION: Woodlands interment zones are a place where individual graves become part of the local natural landscape and contribute to the environmental sustainability of the larger, community eco-system. Every Woodlands natural burial interment zone at the Burial Park - and the natural setting and eco-systems of the Woodlands and the interment sites located therein – are protected in perpetuity and cannot at any future date be converted to a conventional interment zone.

AT-NEED ASSIGNMENT: To manage and protect the restoration and reforestation process of a Woodlands eco-system, individual lot assignment in the Woodlands is only made on an at-need basis. Purchasers of pre-need interment rights in a Woodlands interment zone do not have a Woodlands zone or specific lot assigned to them until the time of the at-need requirement for a lot.

DIRECT EARTH BURIAL: Green burial is an interment practice where human remains are returned to the earth to decompose naturally and contribute to new life. Human remains are prepared for Woodlands burial without embalming and are buried in a Burial Park approved, fully biodegradable casket or alternative container. No form of grave liner is used for Woodlands green burial.

MEMORIALIZATION: There are communal memorial stones in the Woodlands for making approved memorial inscriptions to commemorate Woodlands interments. Other than these memorial stones no other memorial marker, monument, edging or other stone, vase, ornament or any other structure is placed on, in or around any lot in a Woodlands interment zone. The Burial Park will remove any memorial product, personal item, decoration or floral tributes which do not comply with Woodlands and Burial Park Rules and Regulations.

PLANTINGS & VISITATION: Approved plantings are placed at individual Woodlands interment sites to foster the restoration and reforestation of Woodlands ecosystems. These plantings become living memorials to the persons interred in Woodlands zones. As trees and plants mature and become established in Woodlands zones, visitors will be discouraged from seeking out individual graves as this will have a negative impact on the eco-system of the Woodlands. Visitors will be encouraged to use specially established memorial zones for reflection and remembrance.

PERMANENT & IRREVERSIBLE INTERMENT: Green burials are permanent and irreversible as a disinterment would be highly disruptive and damaging to the eco-system of the area as it matures. Woodlands disinterment will only be accommodated where ordered under legislation, regulation or a court order.

RULES & REGULATIONS: There are restrictions and limitations on the purchase and exercise of interment rights and on the form of approved memorial in the Woodlands interment zones. Persons who select green burial are expected, without exception, to comply with the rules and regulations of Woodlands interment zones specifically and the Burial Park generally.

<u>GRAVE:</u> Includes interment right, care fund and planting.	\$ 3,120.00
<u>BURIAL:</u> Opening, preparation of site for burial and closing of grave.	860.00
<u>MEMORIAL:</u> Engraving of simple inscription on designated memorial stone.	655.00
<u>CREMATION SCATTERING:</u> Scattering, permanent record.	585.00