



CONDENSED RULES AND REGULATIONS

BURIAL

Embalming: Remains should not be embalmed with toxic chemicals (newer nontoxic embalming chemicals approved by the Green Burial Council are acceptable). Clients are asked to inform funeral directors and/or morticians to avoid embalming and to use alternatives such as refrigeration, dry ice, or closed casket services. If an individual is embalmed against their will or if some circumstance arises making embalming necessary, the Cemetery MAY still accept the remains, provided there is no use heavy metals such as arsenic or long-lasting chemicals.

Burial Containers: All interments shall be made in biodegradable containers such as a wooden casket, urn, shroud, cardboard cremation box or other biodegradable container. Containers shall be constructed of sufficient strength to support the weight of an adult human body. Caskets or alternative containers constructed from cardboard, corrugated fiberboard, pressed paper or similar materials may be used if such containers have been approved by the Preserve. Approval may be given after receipt of satisfactory proof that the container has been adequately tested and shown to be of sufficient strength to support the weight of an adult human body and is biodegradable. All caskets should have sufficient external handles for pall bearers.

Outer Interment Containers: Vaults and similar outer containers are inconsistent with natural burial and are not permitted unless some special circumstance arises. Foxfield has the sole right to make decisions regarding these special circumstances.

Cremation Remains: Cremation remains are accepted. Urns are optional. Urns must be biodegradable. Scattering of ashes will be allowed in designated parts of the Preserve.

SITE MAINTENANCE

Mowing: Foxfield Preserve is a nature preserve. Mowing of the site and pathways to individual graves is not consistent with a nature preserve and is prohibited.

Floral Tributes and Decorations: Decorations, floral tributes, flags, shepherd's hoods, and similar items are permitted only at the time of interment services. Funeral Directors are required to remove such items immediately following such services. If they are not removed, the Foxfield steward will remove them at the owner's expense.

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GRAVE MARKERS

Marker Specifications: Modest grave markers are permitted. They must comply with the nature preserve concept and be approved by cemetery staff. Markers must be natural stone,. They may be engraved, but may not be polished. The stones must lay flat and have a natural appearance, including irregular edges. Stones must be at least 96 square inches (approximately 8”x 12”) but may not exceed 216 square inches (approximately 18”x 12”). Stones may not extend above the soil surface more than 3 inches.

Living Memorials: Living memorials are native plants: trees, shrubs, grasses or flowers. As Foxfield Preserve is a nature preserve, all living memorials must be approved native species. Permission is required for any plantings. This is to avoid establishing undesirable species on the preserve. Permission will only be granted for native species from a list provided by the Foxfield steward. Plants must come from approved sources, or can be obtained directly through the Preserve. Foxfield will make the final determination as to the suitability of any plant for any interment site.

Trees: Trees are only permitted in the forest section. Clients who would like to plant trees should work with the Foxfield Preserve Steward. Trees must be approved species and of appropriate size. The Foxfield Steward can provide a species list. Trees will only be approved if Foxfield is certain that plants are native, wild varieties and are not plundered from the wild. Trees may be established either preneed or at need. Preneed plants should be adjacent to the interment site at sufficient distance to prevent undue disturbance at the time of interment.

A complete list of Foxfield Preserve Rules and Regulations is available upon request.