



End of Life Admin

Decision Checklist - Burial, Cremation, or Other Option

Decide on burial or cremation

- Check whether the deceased left clear wishes
- Consider any religious or cultural expectations
- Discuss family preferences if wishes are not known
- Confirm budget before making final decisions

If choosing burial

- Choose cemetery
- Ask if there is an existing family plot
- Purchase burial plot if required
- Decide on grave type
- Choose coffin or casket
- Confirm burial fees
- Ask about headstone/plaque requirements
- Ask about cemetery rules and timing

If choosing cremation

- Choose crematorium
- Choose coffin or suitable container
- Decide whether there will be a service before cremation
- Sign cremation authority paperwork
- Decide what will happen to the ashes
- Choose an urn if needed
- Consider memorial options for ashes



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Ashes decision checklist

- Keep ashes at home
- Scatter ashes in a meaningful place
- Place ashes in a memorial garden or niche wall
- Bury ashes in a cemetery
- Divide ashes among family members if appropriate
- Check permission/legal requirements for scattering ashes