



People's Memorial
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Alternatives to Traditional Funeral and Burial Options

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Three Basic (Legal) Options

- Cremation,
- Burial,
- Full Body Donation

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- Alkaline Hydrolysis
- Natural Organic Reduction



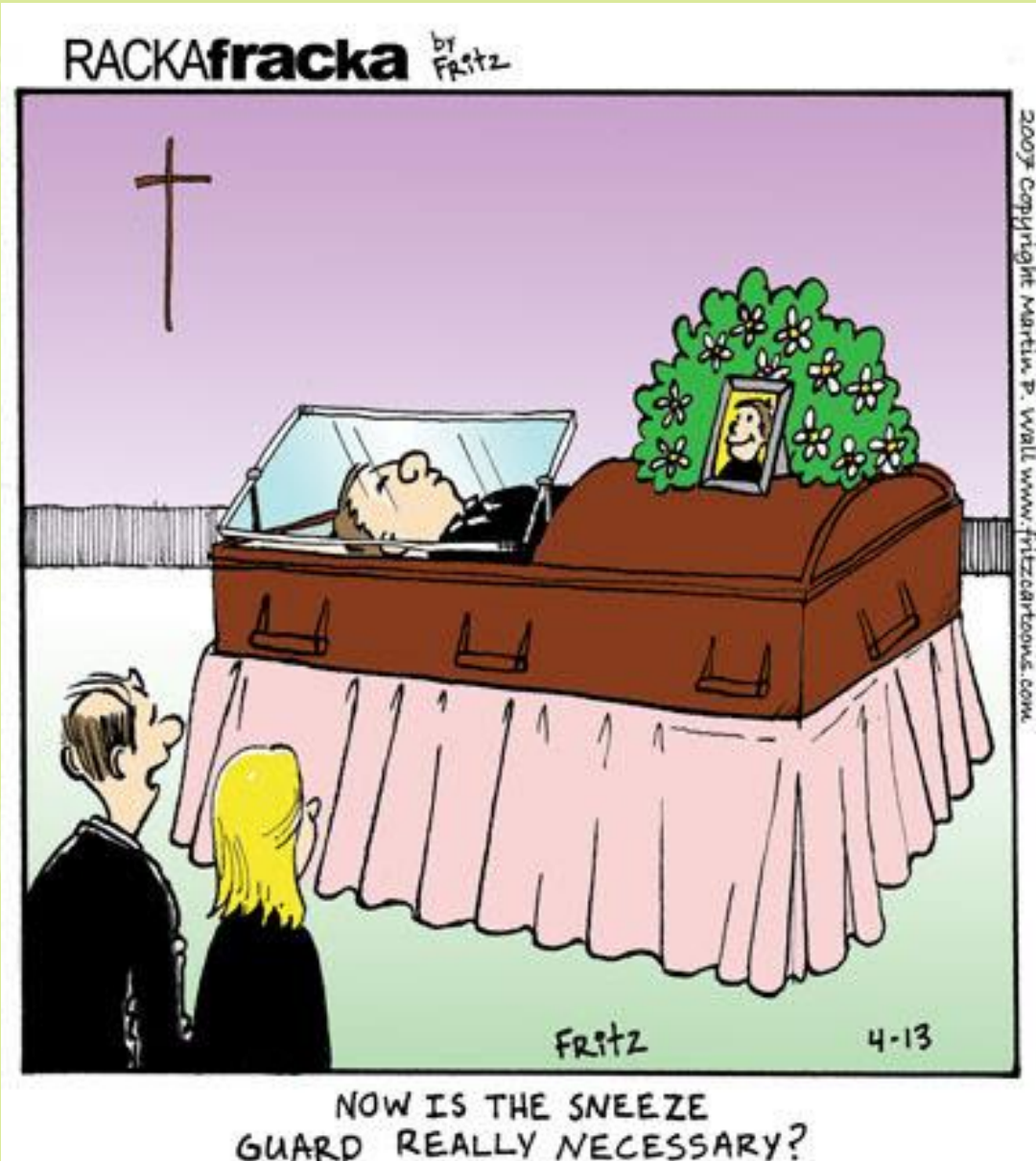
Cremation Information

- Reduction of the body using flame
- Cremation process takes 4-6 hours
- Results in processed bones = “ashes” or cremated remains



“Traditional” Burial

- Embalming
- Viewing
- Church Service
- Graveside



Burial Information

- Allowed only in established cemetery
- May not bury on own land without registering as a cemetery with state
- Embalming is not required by state law.
- National Cemeteries free for veterans.



Cemetery Info

- Plot = Right to burial / not ownership of land
- Cemetery owns the land, makes the rules
- Cemetery can restrict use of plot
 - Number of burials per plot
 - Require grave vault or liner
 - Size and Type of Monument

Green/ Natural Burial

- Green Burial is available in Washington state
 - No chemical embalming
 - Body placed in biodegradable container
 - Placed directly in the ground
 - Often rocks or native plants in lieu of marker



Green/ Natural Burial

- Shades of Green
 - Embalming is never required
 - Can use biodegradable container in any cemetery
 - Some cemeteries will make allowances



Green/ Natural Burial



Biodegradable/ Sustainable Materials make up caskets

- No Metal
- Non-toxic glues

Natural biodegradable fibers make up shrouds

- Cotton
- Linen



The background of the slide is a close-up photograph of water with intricate, swirling ripples. The light reflects off the peaks of the waves, creating a shimmering effect with various shades of blue and white. The ripples are more pronounced on the right side of the image, where they appear as sharp, dark, wavy lines against the lighter blue water.

Aquamation – Alkaline Hydrolysis

Alkaline Hydrolysis AKA

Water-cremation

Hydro-cremation

Resomation

Flameless-cremation

Bio-cremation

Aqua-cremation

Green-cremation

Aquamation

Aquamation - Alkaline Hydrolysis

How does alkaline hydrolysis work?

- **accelerated natural decomposition**
- **water flow**
- **temperature**
- **alkalinity**

Aquamation - Alkaline Hydrolysis

What does the family get back?

- **“ash” in the same manner as cremation**
 - **calcium phosphate**
 - **cleaner with no carbon discoloration**
 - **powder vs sandy with flame**

Aquamation - Alkaline Hydrolysis

Are remains safe to handle?

- **Yes, 100% pathogen and disease free**
- **safe to handle with bare hands when process completes**
- **drying time before processing to “ash”**

Why Choose Alkaline Hydrolysis?

Gentle & respectful process

Zero emissions of harmful
greenhouse gasses

Low energy consumption

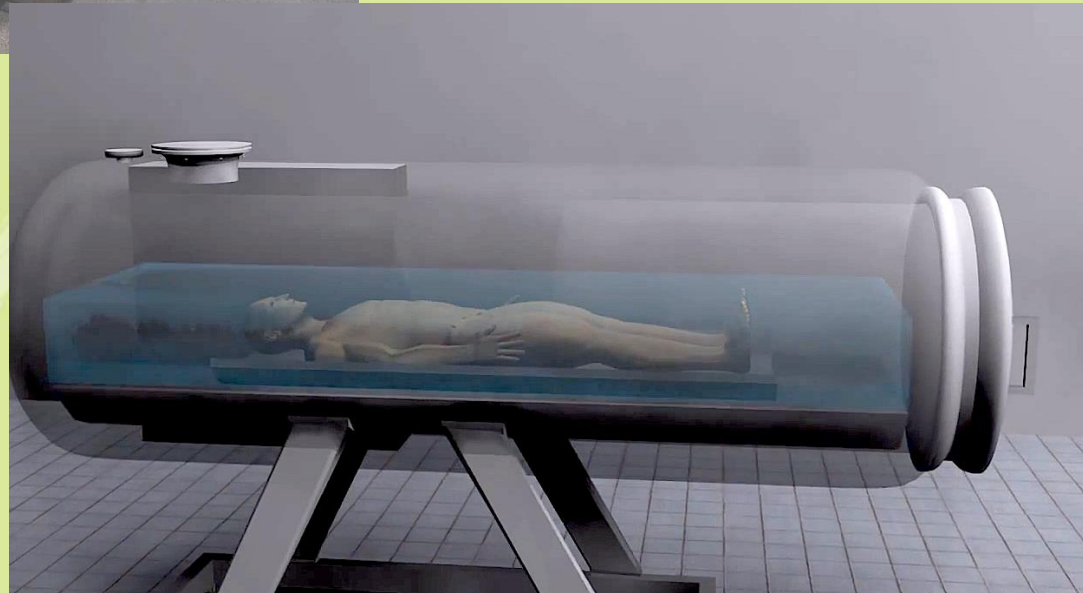
1/10 the carbon footprint than
cremation

Where is it legal?

- Oregon
- Minnesota
- Maryland
- Maine
- Kansas
- Illinois
- Florida
- Colorado

- Georgia
- Wyoming
- Idaho
- Nevada
- California
- Utah
- Washington 2020!

Human Aquamation Process



Human Aquamation Process



- Aquamated remains collected at the bottom of the basket after operating in the angled position
- Collect remains and place on drying tray
- Use convection oven or tumble dryer to speed up drying process (optional)
- Cremulate dry bones to create take remains for family

Human Aquamation Process



- Bone pulverization



Human Aquamation Process



- Processed aquamated remains ready for inurnment
- The inurnment and funeral service remains unchanged with aquamation disposition



Aquamation Witnessing



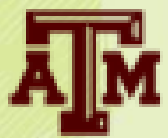
Who Uses Aquamation?

Aquamation is not a new, untried technology.

In fact, it has been used successfully for years across the world, for both humans and animals, in a variety of institutions.



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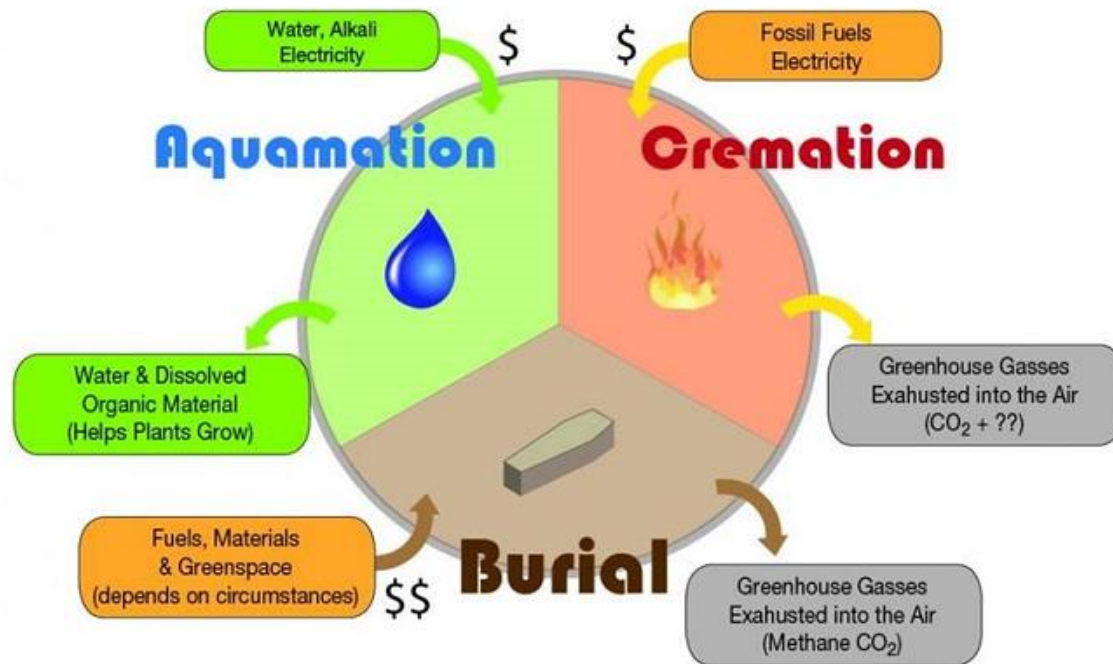


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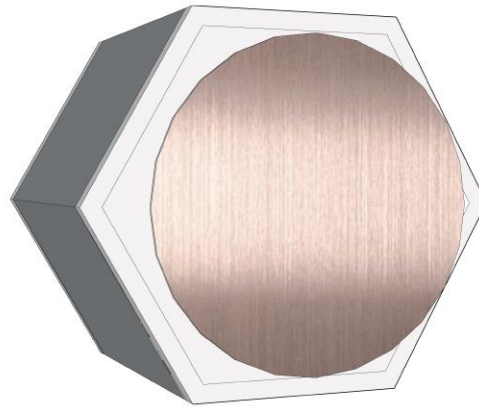


Feedback from families

- Grateful to have a choice
- Prefer a process that does not use fire or flame
- Perceive aquamation to be gentler on the body and the environment
- Value the decreased environmental impact



natural organic reduction or recomposition



mission of recompose

Recompose is creating an ecological, participatory, and meaningful death care option.

We believe that we can change the world by changing our relationship to the end-of-life.



history of recompose

A Public Benefit Corporation (“B Corp”)

Founded in 2017

Previously the “Urban Death Project”

Western Carolina University's Forensic Anthropology Dept

Washington State University

Legalized in Washington State in 2019

First facility to open in Seattle end of 2020/ early 2021





service will include

Transportation of body to Recompose|SEATTLE

Intimate experience for family and friends

Time in a serene and beautiful space

Gentle conversion from human to soil

Opportunity to grow a tree with the soil

Care of any additional soil by Recompose staff



participation + transparency

we all have the capacity to help care
for our loved ones after they have died.

cost and legacy

Typical Concerns When Deciding on an Option:

Environmental impact, cost, experience

Approximate Costs of Current Options:

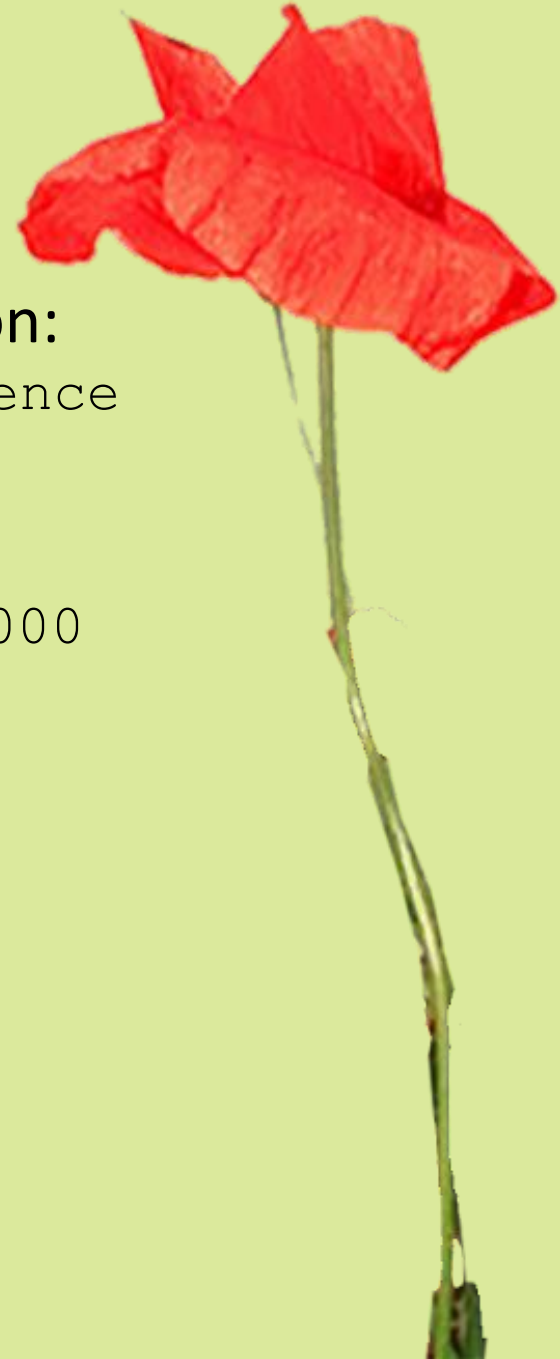
Conventional burial: \$8,000 – \$25,000

Cremation: \$750 – \$7500

Natural Burial: \$2000 – \$8000

Goal

Recomposition: \$5500





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Disposition Authorization Form

Washington State

Only the Declarant, the person this form is regarding, may sign. No POA or Spouse is authorized to sign this form.

I, (Full Legal Name) _____ hereby declare that it is my desire, based upon the authority of the **Revised Code of Washington 68.50.160**, to direct and authorize that upon my death my remains be:

(initial) _____ **Recomposed** (Natural Organic Reduction)*

**Currently, service is unavailable. It will be legal in Washington May 2020, it is unknown when there will be a service provider in Washington. Selecting this option does not legally ensure that my remains will be recomposed until the service is available. If natural organic reduction is not available at the time of my passing, I direct and authorize that upon my death my remains be:*

(initial one) _____ **Cremated** _____ **Buried** _____ **Aquamated** (Alkaline Hydrolysis)**

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