



NATURAL BURIAL STANDARDS

The following is a list of minimum Natural Burial standards for the process of natural burial.

A natural burial must:

- Be a single depth burial;
- Have only one body per plot;
- Have not more than one metre of soil above the body or container at the deepest point;
- Use a plant or protein-based material shroud or an eco-friendly biodegradable coffin;
- Not include any plastic unless it is compostable;
- Not include the use of an underground vault; and
- Require the body of the deceased to –
 - Only wear natural protein based or plant based materials;
 - Not have had chemical preparations or plastics used in preparation; and
 - Not be embalmed (exemptions in exceptional circumstances such as repatriation may apply) or having only been embalmed with non-toxic chemicals.