

Commonly Asked Questions

Do I receive anything back after the process?

Yes. At the end of the Flameless Cremation process mineral bone ash is left behind which are placed in an urn and returned to the family

Does Flameless Cremation use acid?

No, the process uses alkalies. The alkalies are natural material that are used in every day shaving creams, body washes, and other cosmetic compounds.

How long does the process take?

The Flameless Cremation process takes 12-14 hours to complete.

Can we come and visit your facility?

Yes! We encourage anyone who is interested in the process or would like to take a tour of facility to call us.

Can I prearrange this service?

Yes! By do so, it will freeze the prices of our services.



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Flameless Cremation

The natural, gentle, & eco-friendly
alternative to fire-based cremation



Flameless Cremation is a non-combustible process making it more environmentally friendly.

The total carbon footprint is 18 times less than fire-based cremation.



What is Flameless Cremation?

Flameless Cremation, scientifically known as Alkaline Hydrolysis, uses water as opposed to fire.

By using a combination of 95% water & 5% alkalinity, Flameless Cremation mimics the natural breakdown process as if the body were to be laid rest in the soil, only accelerated.

Flameless Cremation is offered by funeral homes all across the United States, Canada, and Europe. It is even used by Medical School for individuals who have been donated to science, including the world renowned Mayo Clinic.

Compared to fire-based cremation, Flameless Cremation reduces:

Natural Gas usage by 90%

Electricity usage by 66%

Carbon Dioxide emission by 90%



More advantages of Flameless Cremation

A different choice when it comes to making final arrangement for your loved one

Your loved one is not exposed to 1600 degree heat or open flames

20% more ash is returned in the urn

the ash remains are 100% free of carbon discoloration

Medical devices, such as pacemakers, do not have to be removed