

# Community Deathcare Canada

## New Brunswick Funeral Documentation Pathway A Resource for Family-led Funerals and/or Home Funerals

### Registration of Death

#### If death occurs in hospital

Contact the nursing supervisor on duty, who will help you get the Registration of Death form (available at the hospital), signed by the attending physician. The coroner may be involved if there is any uncertainty as to cause of death. The hospital will also complete a Burial Permit.

#### If death occurs in a place other than in hospital

If the death occurs during weekday business hours, contact the regional coroner for your area. If the death occurs outside of business hours, contact the coroner on call (Provincial Mobile Communications Centre 506-453-7171). The coroner will need to attend at the scene or release the body for disposition, and fill out the Burial Permit. The coroner will provide the Burial Permit form, or it can be faxed from the Registrar General of Vital Statistics (506- 453-2385).

Finally, contact Vital Statistics to register the death.



### Burial / Cremation Permit

The Burial Permit acquired from hospital or coroner includes a place for the signature of a funeral director. Next of kin may sign there, as the person responsible for arranging the burial/cremation.

Unless the body is embalmed, burial or cremation must take place within 72 hours of death.

If cremation is chosen, the coroner must sign an application for cremation after 48 hours has elapsed from time of death. This form must accompany the deceased to the crematorium at the time of cremation.

If burying the body in a private/family cemetery, you must have a copy of the registration of a private cemetery to show that you have a legal place to bury the body.



### Burial / Cremation

Take the Burial Permit with you to the cemetery for burial, or the crematory for cremation. Cemetery/Crematory needs advanced notice, and will have fees and contract for next of kin to sign. If providing your own casket, ensure it meets with cemetery/crematory by-laws.



#### Cremated Remains

Cremated remains will be returned to you in a cardboard box. You may purchase or provide your own urn, may bury or entomb the remains in a cemetery plot or columbarium, keep the remains at home, or scatter them in a special place.

#### Death Certificate

Once the death has been registered, order a Death Certificate (or several) online from Service NB. You will need these to close the estate, apply for the Death Benefit, close out insurance, etc.

#### Memorial Marker

Talk to the cemetery for recommendations, preferred suppliers, or specs if you plan to provide your own. Some cemeteries will have "green spaces" where simple stones & GPS coordinates may be used to mark the grave.

#### Resources

[Cremation Services of New Brunswick](#)

[Legacy Cremation Services](#)



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