

Burial Depth Requirements by State

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State	Burial Depth Requirement	Distance from Electrical	Distance from Surface Water	Distance from Buildings	Home Burial
Alabama	none	none	none	none	yes
Alaska	none	none	none	none	yes
Arizona	none	none	none	none	yes
Arkansas	none	none	none	none	yes
California	18" from top to surface	none	none	none	yes
Colorado	none	none	none	none	yes
Connecticut	30" from top to surface	none	1.2 mile from reservoir 600' from pond	350'	yes
Delaware	18" from top to surface	none	none	none	yes, outside town limits in Kent and Sussex counties
District of Columbia	none	none	none	none	no no land available
Florida	12" from top to surface	none	none	none	yes
Georgia	none	none	none	none	yes, except Bibb County
Hawaii	Must be sufficient to avoid public health nuisance and animal disturbance	none	none	none	yes
Idaho	none	none	none	none	yes
Illinois	18" from top to surface	none	none	none	yes
Indiana	24" from top to surface	none	none	none	yes
Iowa	none	none	none	none	yes
Kansas	none	none	none	none	yes
Kentucky	none	none	none	none	yes
Louisiana	24" from top to surface	none	none	none	yes
Maine	none	none	none	none	yes
Maryland	none	none	none	none	yes
Massachusetts	none	none	none	none	yes
Michigan	none	none	none	none	yes
Minnesota	none	none	none	none	yes
Mississippi	24" from top to surface	none	none	500' from medical bldgs	yes
Missouri	none	none	none	none	yes

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Montana	18" from top to surface	none	none	none	yes
Nebraska	none	none	none	none	yes
Nevada	none	none	none	none	yes
New Hampshire	none	none	50' from known water source	100' 50' from highways	Yes, some cities no
New Jersey	4' adult from top to surface 3.5' child from top to surface	none	none	none	yes (Has state statute allow exhumation by family)
New Mexico	6' minimum bottom depth	none	50' from known water source	5' from property line	yes
New York	none	none	none	none	yes
North Carolina	18" from top to surface	none	none	none	yes
North Dakota	3.5' from top to surface	none	none	none	yes
Ohio	none	none	none	none	yes
Oklahoma	none	none	none	none	yes
Oregon	none	none	none	none	yes
Pennsylvania	24" from top to surface	none	Cannot have water that drains into municipal water source	none	yes
Rhode Island	none	none	none	none	yes
South Carolina	10" from top to surface	none	none	none	yes
South Dakota	none	none	150'	none	yes
Tennessee	none	none	none	none	yes
Texas	24" from top to surface	none	none	none	yes
Utah	none	none	none	none	yes
Vermont	5' adult min. bottom depth 3.5' infant min. bottom depth	25'	150'	20' property setback	yes
Virginia	none	none	none	none	yes
Washington					no
West Virginia	none	none	none	none	yes
Wisconsin	none	none	none	none	yes
Wyoming	none	none	none	none	yes