

Sample Exhumation Policies

Kokosing Nature Preserve

Conservation Burial Ground
10608 Quarry Chapel Road
Gambier OH 43022
740-427-5000
Amy Henricksen
henricksena@kenyon.edu
www.kenyon.edu

Foxfield Preserve

Conservation Burial Ground
9877 Alabama Avenue SW
Wilmot OH 44689
330-763-1331
foxfield@wildernesscenter.org
www.foxfieldpreserve.org

Disinterments.

All charges and fees for a Disinterment must be paid in advance. As a condition of performing any Disinterment, the Cemetery requires written authorization signed by the Owner and the deceased's next-of-kin or their respective authorized representative on a form approved by the Cemetery. Each Disinterment must be conducted in accordance with state and local law and a Disinterment permit is required. The bodies of persons who have died of a contagious disease shall be handled in strict accordance with the rules of the Health Department. The Cemetery shall exercise due care in conducting a Disinterment, but shall assume no liability for damage to any Human Remains, casket, urn, shroud, living memorial, memorial stone, or anything else. The Cemetery will provide the following services for Disinterment:

1. Location of the Interment Space.
2. Opening of the Interment Space.
3. Closing of the Interment Space.
4. Removing and, if applicable, reinstalling the Memorial. (Note: Living Memorials are likely to be destroyed by disinterment and will not be replaced by the Cemetery.)

The person arranging the Disinterment must arrange all other necessary services from another service provider, including removing the Human Remains from the Interment Space, replacing Interment containers if necessary, transporting the Human Remains and interring the Human Remains in the new Interment Space, wherever located. The person arranging the Disinterment should realize that at a nature preserve cemetery using a green burial there may be very little or no recognizable remains in a relatively short span of time.

Penn Forest Natural Burial Park

Natural Burial Park

118 Colorado Street

Verona PA 15147

412-265-4606

Pete McQuillin

pete@pennforestcemetery.com

mcquillanpete@gmail.com

www.pennforestcemetery.com

VIII. DISINTERMENT REGULATIONS

Disinterment will be permitted ONLY with the signatures of the next of kin, the Lot Owner(s) and a Court Order from a Judge in the State of Pennsylvania having authority to issue such court order.

All Disinterment must be conducted with a licensed Funeral Director and a representative of the Cemetery present. Depending on the circumstances of and reasons for the Disinterment, the Cemetery may, at its option, elect to hire other professionals, such as archeologists or forensic experts, to be present at the Disinterment. The Owners will pay any and all costs associated with the Disinterment in advance.

Disinterment pricing shall include a flat fee, the costs for all labor, materials, hired consultants and all other costs associated with the performance of and preparation for the Disinterment and for record-keeping and a mark-up on all costs to cover the Cemetery's overhead.

Quick Poll Findings:

- Of the 18 cemeteries participating in the poll, 5 have disinterment policies of any kind.
- All 18 report that exhumations are possible only with a court order.
- One stipulates that no exhumations will occur and requires that the next-of-kin sign a waiver.