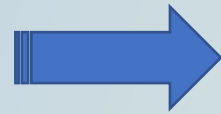


What to do when
death occurs?

At home death

Under Hospice



Call hospice for nurse
to come out and
pronounce

At home death

Not under hospice



Call police
non-emergency line

Deputy and medical personnel will come out to
pronounce death and investigate

Medical Examiner will
transfer into their care

Mortuary will transfer
into their care

Contact Mortuary

Nothing can happen until you meet with a funeral arranger!

- Death Certificates, burial, cremation; all final arrangements are all dependent on contact & paperwork with the family.

Cremation

- Direct
- Memorial Service
- Traditional

- Identification
 - Id band
 - Unique cremation disc/tag
 - ID View
 - Family CAN witness cremation*

Burial

- Direct
- Graveside
- Traditional

Donation

- Full Body Donation
 - No services
 - Family may/may not receive cremated remains
- Organ/Tissue Donation
 - Can proceed with any cremation/burial service desired

Burial At Sea

- Cremated Remains Scattering
 - Unwitnessed - usually pay funeral home to do on their own time.
 - Many private companies that will make arrangements with family to have a ceremonial cruise and scattering. Usually requires family to find/contract with company directly.
- Full body burial at sea
 - If a veteran/veteran spouse, can be done by the military
 - Private companies can also arrange for full body burial at sea.

Green Options

- Burial
 - No green cemeteries in San Diego.
 - Most cemeteries will allow for unembalmed ground burials but will have concrete grave liner/vault
- Resomation- Alkaline Hydrolysis
 - “water cremation” alternative to traditional cremation that uses a very basic (alkaline) solution to reduce the body to bone.
 - takes approx. 4x as long as traditional fire cremation, uses a lot of water but less CO₂ output; benefits sewage treatment plants
 - unaware of companies offering this option for human remains in San Diego
- Human Composting- currently offered in Washington state (Colorado is working on it)
 - Speeds up the natural process of returning the body to soil, about a cubic yard (equivalent to filling up the bed of a pickup truck)
 - Takes approx. 2 months for compost to be made available for return to family or forest.