



Green Burial Council

*T*he Green Burial Council is a non-profit organization working to encourage environmental sustainability in the death care industry and the use of burial as a means for protecting natural areas.

With the involvement of environmentalists, scientists, lawyers, and representatives from the funeral service industry, the Council has set forth the World's first standards and eco-certification program for burial grounds, funeral homes, products, and cremation disposition programs.

Mount Hope Cemetery is certified as a hybrid burial grounds.

More information on green burial practices and certified funeral home providers may be found at the Green Burial Council's website: <http://www.greenburialcouncil.org>



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For further information about
The Garden of Renewal
and other green burial opportunities,
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The Garden of
Renewal
at Mount Hope Cemetery

*And Other
Green Burial Options*



Choose Mount Hope Cemetery as Your Green Burial Provider

*M*ount Hope is committed to providing customers with innovative interment options. In keeping with this tradition, the cemetery has initiated opportunities for green burial within its historic landscape. Mount Hope, which is certified by the Green Burial Council, is pleased to offer this environmentally responsible option to the Rochester community.

The Garden of Renewal is a designated green burial section set within the historic landscape of the cemetery. Each grave affords space for a full body interment along with a cremation burial above it. Any

cremated remains interred in the garden must be placed directly in the ground or in a biodegradable urn. The garden provides a central monument to memorialize loved ones who are laid to rest within its borders.

Green burial requests are accepted in other areas of the cemetery.

What is Green Burial?

Green burial returns a person to the earth in a simpler fashion:

- Remains may not be embalmed with toxic chemicals.
- Caskets or burial shrouds must be made from biodegradable materials. Options include the use of unfinished wood, wicker, paper, cotton or linen.

- No vault or outer container is used in the burial.

Home wakes, public visitations, church funerals and grave side services are options that may be arranged within the time frame green burial allows.

Why Go Green?

Green burial minimizes our impact on the environment by returning our bodies to the earth in a natural manner. Resources used to make hardwood and steel caskets and concrete vaults are conserved. Toxic fluids used in the embalming process are eliminated.



Mount Hope is a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat and sponsors a nesting bluebird project.