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## How to arrange an affordable cremation in Philadelphia in 3 easy steps

Cremation has become the preferred choice today. The national cremation rate surpassed 55% in 2019. We are frequently asked about the simplest, and most affordable, way to arrange a cremation in Philadelphia. Arranging a cremation is relatively straightforward, however, there is a [mandatory 24-hour waiting period in Pennsylvania](#) before a cremation can be performed. And a cremation authorization form must be completed by the next of kin. Here we have outlined 3 key steps to help you arrange a simple and affordable direct cremation service.

### #1 Identify a cremation provider

Firstly, you need to contact a local cremation provider, crematory, or funeral home. There are around 200 funeral homes in Philadelphia, so it can be a challenging task knowing where to start, which company to select, and how to compare cremation services. Here at US Funerals Online we conducted some research to locate a local, family-owned business that can offer an affordable cremation package to residents of Philadelphia. Our aim is to help take away that stress in your time of need. If the cost of the cremation is a concern, then the [DFS Memorials](#) affordable cremation provider is a family-owned funeral business that will offer you compassionate and affordable service – and their **low-cost direct cremation package is just \$1,095.00**

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### #2 Prepare the necessary documentation

Gather together the relevant documentation\* required to compile the death certificate and cremation authorization form. This way the funeral home can quickly process the necessary paperwork and obtain the cremation permit. There is, of course, a mandatory 24-hour waiting period before the actual cremation can be conducted in Philadelphia.

A casket is not required for cremation in Philadelphia, but a suitable combustible alternative container is generally used for cremation purposes. If you do wish to have a casket, even just for the purpose of a viewing or service, your funeral home may be able to rent you a casket. A rental casket can be a great way to save on costs but still offer the family the opportunity to hold a dignified goodbye viewing.

### #3 Decide upon the type of service you require

Decide upon how you want to receive the cremated remains. With a basic direct cremation package, a temporary cremation container is generally provided. You can choose to select a cremation urn, if you so choose, from your funeral home. Alternatively, you can purchase a cremation urn from an Urn retailer and transfer the remains, or choose to scatter the remains.

If you wish to hold a service before the cremation, then your funeral home will help you to arrange this. Or, if you wish, you may receive the remains and then conduct a memorial service at a later date. This can also be a way to have more control over the memorialization, and allow you to gather family and friends together at a time and place that suits.

These 3 simple steps will enable you to arrange an affordable cremation in the Philadelphia area.

*\* You will require the deceased's social security number, birth certificate, and any discharge papers for a veteran*

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