



BALLARD-SUNDER  
FUNERAL HOMES  
*celebrating lives*

A gentle,  
environmentally  
friendly form of  
natural water cremation



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# What is Natural Water Cremation?

Water cremation is the new alternative to flame cremation and burial. Using the earth's natural elements, water and potassium instead of flame to return the body to ashes, it gives people a new choice at the end of a life and is seen as a gentle, environmentally friendly option for people to choose when planning a funeral.

As people seek more choices when arranging a funeral, particularly more environmentally responsible options, natural water cremation is already proving to be a popular alternative around the world.

**A gentler option  
that provides a  
more natural form  
of cremation**

**The cremated  
remains are returned  
to the next of kin  
in an urn as with  
flame cremation**



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# Reflections Crematory & Natural Water Cremation

Ballard-Sunder is proud to be Minnesota's only full-service Funeral Home offering on site flame cremation and natural water cremation. ***Reflection Crematory*** is located at our cremation center in Jordan and has been in operation since 2010. In 2020 we added another option for the families we serve: ***Reflections Water Cremation***. We are thrilled to partner with Dean Fisher & Associates to bring the environmentally friendly option of Natural Water Cremation to the families we serve and the community.

Dean has been a licensed funeral director in Minnesota for over 37 years. He helped pioneer the Natural Water Cremation technology while serving at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN and assisted the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA in acquiring and operating the natural water cremation technology. He is committed to his profession by finding new ways to reduce global warming in more gentle, dignified and respectful manners.

You can find out more by visiting our website

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# Comparing Flame Cremation vs. Natural Water Cremation thru Resomation<sup>®</sup>

	<i>Flame</i>	<i>Water</i>
How is the body broken down?	fossil fuel natural gas	water and potassium hydroxide
What temperature does the cremation use?	1600-2000°F	302°F
How long does cremation take?	2-3 Hrs	4-5 Hrs
Uses a much gentler process?		
How much Carbon Dioxide goes into the atmosphere? (this doesn't include implants)	534 lbs	zero NOX emissions system
What kind of Cremation container is used?	cardboard & plywood	biodegradable shroud
Can I see my loved one before cremation?		
Can we have a Cremation Committal Ceremony?		
What color are the remains that we will get back?	cream - from fossil fuel	white (up to 30% more)
Can pacemakers be left inside the body?		
Environmentally Responsible Choice in Cremation?		

## Is the Funeral Ceremony Different to Flame Cremation?

People choosing water cremation can still have a traditional funeral ceremony, the same as they would with flame cremation. The difference is that after the committal, the body is reduced to ashes by water instead of by flame.

## How Does It Work?

Water cremation uses the earth's natural elements, water and potassium instead of flame to complete the cremation process. It imitates the exact same process the body goes through when the body is buried, except with water cremation it is done over a matter of hours instead of months or even sometimes years as with burial. At the end of the cremation, families have cremated remains returned in an urn as they would with flame cremation.

## Why Is This New Process Being Introduced Now?

As the world's population continues to grow, land for burial is running out. Flame cremation is adding to the global warming crisis by placing an average of 534 lbs of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. As people around the world are now more environmentally aware of their actions and want to express this both in life and in death, water cremation provides a new alternative to flame cremation and burial.

**More environmentally sustainable than flame cremation and burial**

**No emissions put into the atmosphere**

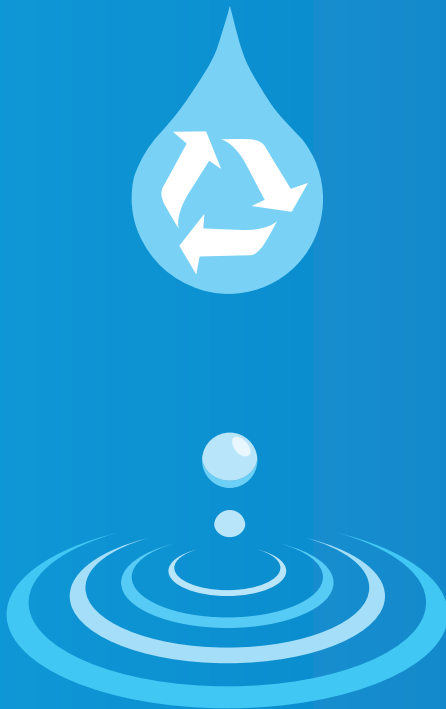
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# Water Recycling

Natural Water Cremation uses approximately 270 gallons of water per process and is 100% recyclable. This is less than a day's usage for a family of 4. The remaining effluent is considered sterile and contains no remaining DNA or pathogens. Our water reclamation plants easily treat this water along with our household water and safely place it back into our aquifers.



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