

Introduction of Green Burial

Someone says environmental protection and conservation of resources are life-long pursuits.

Have you ever thought about, when we leave one day, how we can continue to help make the world a better place, be in harmony with the environment and be part of nature?

Return to nature, everlasting

In recent years more and more people have opted for green burial, by having their cremated ashes scattered in the Gardens of Remembrance or at the sea.

Make your after-death arrangement more sustainable, more environmentally friendly and simple.

Currently, green burial services and facilities are mostly provided by the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department (FEHD)

The Gardens of Remembrance managed by the FEHD are located on Hong Kong Island, in Kowloon, in the New Territories and on outlying islands.

The Gardens of Remembrance, situated in a scenic and tranquil environment, are easily accessible. Members of the public can perform memorial rituals according to the wishes of the deceased and scatter cremains in the Gardens of Remembrance themselves or with the help of FEHD staff.

Applicants can also mount commemorative plaques on memorial walls in the Gardens of Remembrance to pay tribute to their lost loved ones in a verdant and relaxing environment.

Return to the boundless sea after death. Enjoy the golden sunset freely, Embrace nature.

Members of the public can apply to the FEHD for scattering cremated ashes at sea.

Scattering can take place in three designated areas in Hong Kong waters, including the east of Tap Mun, east of Tung Lung Chau and south of West Lamma Channel.

The FEHD also arranges free ferry services regularly for the public to scatter cremated ashes at east of Tung Lung Chau and south of West Lamma Channel. A funeral director on board will assist the public in holding simple religious ceremonies. Family members and friends of the deceased can pass the cremated ashes of their loved ones together with fresh petals into the sea. Members of public may join free memorial sails provided by the FEHD during Ching Ming and Chung Yeung Festivals every year to pay tribute to their beloved with the boundless sea view.

Whenever we look at the boundless sea, we can pay homage to our loved ones. The sound of sea waves brings back fond memories. Pay tribute anytime, anywhere. The FEHD has set up the Internet Memorial Service and its mobile application, enabling family members and friends of the deceased to create a dedicated memorial webpage on www.memorial.gov.hk to share anecdotes of their loved ones and leave messages anywhere, anytime. Paying tribute is no longer bounded by time or space.

For yourself, the next generation and the future, support green burial!

You may sign up in the Green Burial Central Register to express your wish for green burial.

Remember to share you wish with your family to give yourself and them peace of mind.