

CEMETERIES / MAUSOLEUMS

Mausoleum Crypt Trays

INTRODUCTION: The purpose of a mausoleum crypt tray (also known as a protective liner or casket tray) is to help contain possible casket leaks which may occur in a mausoleum crypt. Leaks which occur outside of a crypt can be the occasion of emotional distress, undue concern on the part of family members and friends of the deceased, possible health issues and a negative public perception of the integrity of the mausoleum.

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY:

Mandated:

1. Effective 30 days from the date of the Bishop's written approval, any burial in any mausoleum crypt must include a casket tray.
2. The mausoleum crypt tray is made of a durable plastic-type material and placed under the casket in a mausoleum crypt.
3. The mandatory use of a casket tray must be included in the cemetery's Rules and Regulations.
4. The contractor performing a burial in a mausoleum crypt must include a casket tray as part of opening and closing services. The use of the casket tray must be included as part of the marble and granite permit required for burial. The marble and granite contractor must certify that the drainage hole will be opened at the time of burial.
5. Upon approval of this mandate by the Bishop, the parish cemetery authority offices shall given written notice to their respective marble and granite contractors and funeral homes to advise them of this mandate.

Recommended: As a best practice, the casket and the tray should be placed in the crypt at a slight angle to allow for drainage in the drainage hole if a leak were to occur. The parish cemetery authority should request that marble and granite contractors acknowledge that they have been informed of the new policy.

Approved: +Michael Jarrell

Date January 20, 2016

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Cremation Stones

INTRODUCTION: The purpose of this policy is to provide for the appropriate entombment of cremated remains in order to reduce the risk of destruction or defilement of those remains through accident or vandalism, thereby preserving the dignity of the remains.

IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY

Mandated:

1. Cremation stones must be composed of such material having an acceptable weight/thickness/strength, such as granite, marble and concrete, and be constructed in such a manner as to protect the remains from destruction or defilement by accident or vandalism. The appropriateness of cremation stones shall be determined by the local cemetery authority whose approval is required for the placement of the stones in the cemetery.
2. A cremation stone placed upon an existing tomb must be affixed in such a way as to insure its permanent attachment to the tomb. Urns or re-purposed flower vases glued to tombs are not allowed.
3. The number of cremation stones allowed on an existing tomb shall be subject to the rules and regulations of each cemetery authority and to the terms, provisions and conditions in any applicable contract affecting said burial tomb or plot.
4. The placement of cremation stones in a columbarium is allowed. The placement of cremation stones below ground is allowed if the stones are properly capped in such a manner as meets the rules and regulations of the local cemetery authority.
5. Monument dealers must secure the written permission of the cemetery manager before utilizing a cremation stone in a cemetery.

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