



Staffan-Mitchell Funeral Home continues to be leaders in the industry. We are proud to offer biodegradable caskets, burial shrouds, environmentally friendly embalming fluid, and burial wash.

The concept behind green burial is nothing new. It is an ancient practice in which the body is prepared with environmentally friendly products, using the least amount of waste, and leaving the earth in which the body is interred as natural as possible.

Green burial has come to be understood as end-of-life rituals, disposition options, and products that do not involve the use of toxic chemicals or non-biodegradable materials. In other words, it's burial that does not involve embalming with hazardous chemicals, metal caskets, and concrete burial vaults. Green burial uses less energy and creates less waste than conventional burial. It's essentially the way most of humanity cared for its dead for thousands of years up until the late 19th century. In some instances, green burial can also be used to facilitate ecological restoration and landscape-level conservation.

GREEN BURIAL RESOURCES

Michigan White Pine Caskets - *Offers simple pine caskets hand-made to order*

Location: Saline, Michigan

Website: www.whitepinecaskets.com

Phone: (734) 678-5584 (Peter)

Milan Vault Inc. - *Offers natural caskets*

Location: 10475 N. Ann Arbor Road, Milan, MI 48160

Website: www.milanvasult.com

Phone: (734) 439-1538

Kinkaraco Green Funeral Products - *Burial shrouds by Esmerelda Kent*

Location: San Francisco, California

Website: www.kinkaraco.com

Phone: (415) 874-9698

After Death Home Care - *Home Funeral and Green Burial Consultation by Merilynne Rush*

Location: Ann Arbor, Michigan

Website: www.afterdeathhomecare.com

Phone: (734) 395-9660

CEMETERIES

Local cemeteries with established green burial sections:

Oak Grove Cemetery, Chelsea

Location: Entrance at E. Middle St. and Madison St., Chelsea, MI 48118

Website: oakgrovechelsea.com

Email: oakgrovechelsea@sbcglobal.net

Phone: (734) 475-3322 (Nancy Myers, Secretary/Treasurer)

The Preserve at All Saints Cemetery

Location: 4401 Nelsey Road, Waterford, MI 48329

Website: www.mtelliott.com/thepreserve

Phone: (248) 623-9633

Marble Park Cemetery

Location: 520 W. Main St, Milan, MI 48160

Website: www.marbleparkcemetery.com

Phone: (734) 439-5660

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Dexter - *For Catholic decedents, will allow a shroud burial without vault*

Location: 2528 Baker Road, Dexter, MI 48130

Website: www.stjos.com

Phone: (734) 426-8483 (St. Joseph Parish)

Local cemeteries that are working on starting green burial sections:

Forest Lawn Cemetery, Dexter

Location: 8095 Grand Street, Dexter, MI 48130

Email: DexterFLCem@aol.com

Phone: (734) 395-5449 (Brian Koval, Sexton)

