



Canyon County

Cremation Assistance

Frequently Asked Questions

If a family member or loved one has passed, Canyon County is here to provide assistance when no other options are available. Below are further details regarding the cremation assistance process.

How was a funeral home selected?

The family of the decedent may choose the funeral home of their choice. If the family is not present or available to choose, the Coroner will select the funeral home on rotation to arrange for the final disposition.

What may be done with the decedent's assets and belongings?

On occasion, the Coroner's Office may remove certain assets for safekeeping that will be released to the legal next of kin or to the County Treasurer at a later time. These assets will be taken into consideration when determining cremation assistance approval and the pre-mature disposal of assets could negatively impact the decedent's eligibility for assistance. If it is determined that these assets exceed \$1000, please refer to the "If the application is denied, what do I do next?" section below.

What assistance might the County provide?

Canyon County assists residents with cremation costs when no other resources are available. The maximum assistance available for cremation costs is \$1,000.00.

How and when do I apply for assistance?

An application for Cremation Assistance should be filed soon after the death. The family of the decedent unable to assist with the cremation costs may find an Application for Cremation Assistance online at:

<https://www.canyoncounty.id.gov>. This application may also be submitted by a representative of the funeral home or a non-family member.

How long will it take to determine eligibility for County assistance?

An interview with the applicant or authorized representative will be conducted within ten (10) working days. Upon completion of the interview, the Board of County Commissioners will issue a decision within fifteen (15) days. A copy of the decision is mailed to the funeral home and the contact person listed on the application.

If the application is denied, what do I do next?

A family member or a representative of a funeral home may petition the court to become the personal representative of the decedent's estate and/or may file claims for payment against the estate in accordance with Title 15, Chapter 3, Idaho Code.

If the application is approved, is someone required to pay back the County?

The legal spouse of the decedent is considered an obligated party for reimbursement of the cremation costs. Other family and friends are not considered obligated parties.

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