

Private Property Burials

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Caring for Your Own

Vermont law allows families to care for their own dead. This includes transporting the deceased and funerals and burials on private property. You are not required to have a licensed funeral director involved in making or carrying out final arrangements. Embalming is not required by law, but you should consider weather and reasonable planning so that disposition is carried out in a timely manner.

If you have been caring for someone with a communicable disease, the same health precautions you took during care apply after death. No extraordinary measures are necessary. **If death occurs from a rarer infectious disease**, like meningitis or a tropical fever, you should consult the Health Department's Infectious Disease Unit at 888-588-7781. Immediate burial or direct cremation may be recommended in such cases.

Preliminary report of death

Burial transit

Burial

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For more information about burials in Vermont, please read this [handbook](#) from the Vermont Secretary of State's Office, or [contact the Secretary of State](#) directly.

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