

Abbotsford Cemeteries

Question & Answer Guide

Here are common questions we receive to help you in this time

What day and time can an Interment be arranged?

A regular or cremation interment may be scheduled between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm Monday to Friday. Premium charges will apply after 3:00 pm on weekdays and at any time on Saturdays, Sundays and statutory holidays.

Is there a Veterans' section?

Hazelwood Cemetery is the only cemetery that has a designated veterans' section; however, a veteran may be interred in any of the four City cemeteries. The veteran's regimental number is required in order to be interred in the designated veterans' section at Hazelwood Cemetery, and to receive the Veterans rate in any of the City Cemeteries.

Are cremated remains permitted on a full burial lot?

As outlined in the Cemetery Bylaw, each full burial lot can accommodate one casket and up to six cremated remains. Each individual interred on a grave lot will require a Right of Interment and should be a family member of the original occupant.

What is a columbarium?

A columbarium, often free-standing in a cemetery, is constructed of numerous small compartments (niches) designed to hold urns containing cremated remains. Columbariums are currently located at Hazelwood Cemetery and Mt. Lehman Cemetery. Niches hold one or two urns.

What is an Ossuary?

An Ossuary is an underground receptacle in which cremated remains are co-mingled. This option is available at Hazelwood Cemetery. A small bronze memorial plaque can be placed on a granite pillow located in an adjacent landscaped area.

If I move out of the area, can I get a refund on my reserved Right of Interment?

Yes, you will only be refunded the rate you paid for the Right of Interment, less the Care Fund contribution. The Interment Right holder or executor must submit a written request to cancel the Right of Interment and receive a refund. The original Right of Interment and licence must be surrendered prior to refund.

What type of decoration can be put on a lot?

- Cut or artificial flowers and wreaths may be placed on a Lot. Cemetery staff will remove them when their condition deteriorates.
- Tripods may be used for holding wreaths and sprays of flowers during interments and will be removed within 24 to 48 hours after interment.
- Metal or plastic vases are the only materials permitted. Any other materials deemed breakable or hazardous will be removed. Metal flush mount vases are available for purchase through the City of Abbotsford and will be installed flush to the ground in front of the marker by Cemetery staff.
- Metal flower/plant holders are allowed on burial lots only and must be a maximum of 20 inches (51cm) tall, and no wider than the width of the marker. Holders must be secured between the memorial marker and the base. Metal vase/plant stands are available for purchase through the City of Abbotsford and will be installed by cemetery staff.

Where can I purchase a memorial marker?

Memorial markers (headstones, or monuments) for placement in the ground can be purchased from a monument company. You can find a selection of monument companies using online resources. Bronze memorial plaques for interments in the Columbarium, Scatter Garden, and Ossuary are purchased through the City.

**Please contact our office at
604 851 4198 for further information.**

Who places memorial markers?

The Cemetery staff places memorial markers, provided the installation fee is paid.

What size memorial marker(s) is/are permitted?

The size depends on the grave type and the number of interments involved. The following is a guideline:

The top surface of a memorial marker should not exceed the following measurements:

The City places stone monuments and bronze tablets that have been placed on a concrete or granite base. Stone tablets and concrete or granite bases for bronze markers should be at least 3 inches thick. Pillow monuments (6/4 slope only) are not permitted in the cremation section. Upright monuments are only allowed in certain sections of the cemetery, and will be set by the monument company on a foundation provided by the City.

Single Burial	12" x 20"
Side by side Burial	18" x 30"
Burial lot containing cremated remains	12" x 20" Plus up to six 8" x 12" or 10" x 14" cremation markers
Cremation lot	1 or 2 single cremation 8" x 12" 1 double cremation 10" x 14"
Side by side Cremation lots	12" x 20"
Columbarium Niche	10" x 10" Bronze
Scatter Garden and Ossuary	3" x 4" Bronze



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How can I find out where someone is buried?

If you are looking for someone you think is buried in one of the City's cemeteries, call the Cemetery office at 604 851 4198 or visit <https://hwt.concordengage.com/cityofabbotsfordcemeteries>

Where can I get information on the Mennonite Cemetery in Abbotsford?

This is a private cemetery, also known as Maclure Road Cemetery. Information can be obtained by calling 604 226 7772 or visiting: www.maclureroadmennonitecemetery.com

How can I find a burial site or where my loved one is interred?

Scan the QR code which will take you to our online search where you can look up by Cemetery name and by person.