



In Ground Burials FAQ

Frequently Asked Questions about Ground Burials

Can anyone purchase a plot?

Yes. Most of the cemetery is open to the public. Plots may be purchased and reserved for future use. There is a Jewish Segregated area where plots can be purchased through the Sunshine Coast Jewish Burial Society. Call the SCRD for further information.

Are there plots available?

Yes. We have full plots and cremation plots.

Does the cemetery sell monuments?

No. We do not sell monuments. However, we can refer you to a monument company.

Is there a place to bury ashes?

Ashes may be buried in a single cremation plot in the ground or a full burial plot can be purchased and used as a family cremation plot.

Can I decorate the grave?

Graves are commonly decorated during the time of burial and on holidays or other special occasions. Flowers and decorative items will be removed when they become unsightly.

Am I responsible for removing the decorations?

No. Staff will remove the decorations.

Can I make improvements to the grave?

Prior to any improvements being made, the SCRD must be contacted and permission must be given. The newer areas of the cemetery are governed by a different [BYLAW](#) so not all improvements are allowed in all areas of the cemetery.

Can a grave be sold back to the SCRD?

Yes, however, the original price paid will be refunded less the Care Fund and tax portion.

Can a full plot be traded for a cremation plot or an above ground niche?

Yes, the original price of the plot can be applied towards the purchase of another space in the cemetery. The transfer, plus a transfer fee, must be coordinated through the SCRD.

What do I 'own' when I purchase a plot?

You are purchasing the "interment rights" for that space – the right to place remains in perpetuity. You acquire no other interest or rights in the plot or cemetery. The entire cemetery grounds is the sole property of the SCRD. This is a provincial law and applies to all grave space in all cemeteries in BC and in most provinces.

How long do I own the plot?

A provincial law stipulates that you own the interment right in perpetuity (forever).

For more information

Contact the Parks Division at the SCRD by calling 604-885-6802 ext 2 or email geri.gelineau@scrd.ca