

St. Paul's Episcopal Church

Memorial Garden

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q. What does it cost?
- A. Currently the fee is \$650 for either a burial plot or scattering.
- Q. Do I have to pay the whole fee up front?
- A. No, you can pay over time. However, a non-refundable \$100 application fee is due when the application is submitted.
- Q. Does the \$100 application fee guarantee the total price?
- A. No, the total price is determined when the fee is paid in full. The fee is due in full before the burial. You can lock in the current price by paying the burial/scattering fee in full at any time. Once paid in full, no additional money is due, even if the fee price goes up before a plot is used
- Q. What does the burial fee cover?
- A. The fee covers burial, the cost for a nameplate to be placed on the Memorial Garden plaque, and continuing care of the garden. It does not cover any honorarium for clergy or costs for a reception at the church.
- Q. How many burial plots are there in the burial area?
- A. There are a total of 160 burial plots. Each burial plot is 1 ft x 1 ft. The burial area is 8 ft x 10 ft, and there are two layers, with 80 burial plots in each layer.
- Q. If I want to be buried with my spouse, do I need to buy one or two burial plots?
- A. A burial plot is required for each person, so two burial plots are required for two people.
- Q. Can I request a specific plot in the burial area?
- A. Yes, you can request any plot that is not already used when you submit an application and pay the application fee. The Memorial Garden Board will assign the plot. Every effort will be made to assign the plot number requested.
- Q. Where in the garden are cremains scattered?
- A. Cremains are scattered in the planted garden areas, and not on the burial area.
- Q. What documents are required for a burial?
- A. The following documents are required;
- Application for Interment
 - Death Certificate
 - Certificate of Cremation
 - Burial Permit

- Q. Where do I get a Burial Permit and Certificate of Cremation?
- A. A Burial Permit is required, per Chapter 114, Section 45, Massachusetts General Laws. Burial Permits are issued by the Board of Health or agent in the town where the death occurred. Funeral directors routinely include a Burial Permit and copies of the Certificate of Cremation in the services they provide.
- Q. Can I place a plaque in honor of someone if I agree to pay for it? Can I plant some flowers on a specific plot, or some other place in the garden to honor a loved one?
- A. No monument, marker, flag, wreath, potted plant, cut flowers, plant, or other object shall be placed in the garden, except for those approved by the Memorial Garden Board of Overseers.
- Q. Where can I get a biodegradable container?
- A. Most funeral directors sell biodegradable urns. Any container can be used, so long as it is biodegradable, and the cremains are not in enclosed in a plastic bag inside. Cremains can even be in a plain cardboard box.