



Milton Fields, a Natural Burial Ground, is scheduled to open in 2009. When all three phases are complete, the cemetery will encompass 17 acres. Milton Fields is located just north of Atlanta in Milton, Georgia, in a setting remarkably different from its big city neighbor. Here, the rural North Georgia landscape of rolling hills, hardwood forests and bucolic horse farms still exists. Gazing across Milton Fields' lovely woods, gentle hills and green pastures, your soul stirs as you watch hawks soar overhead. You understand why the pioneering Nix family chose to homestead this land in the 1800's.

The low impact, sustainable approach of a Natural Burial Ground does not alter the landscape's beauty. One hundred years from now, the land will look much the same as it does today. A natural burial is an environmentally sustainable alternative to a conventional funeral.

On an annual basis, conventional burials in the United States place into the ground:

- *More than 800,000 gallons of formaldehyde*
- *Enough metal to build the Golden Gate Bridge*
- *Enough reinforced concrete from burial vaults to build a two-lane highway from New York to Detroit**

*Green Burial Council (GBC). Milton Fields is certified by the GBC and follows ethical and professional standards established for Natural Burial Grounds.

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A GREEN CEMETERY



Milton Fields honors those who desire a simple, natural approach to the end of life. As it pays tribute to the deceased, it also celebrates the living by preserving green space.



To learn more or to reserve your space,
email us at info@miltonfieldsgeorgia.com
or call us today at 770-751-1445.

What is green burial?

Green burials have been practiced for centuries and were common until the late 19th century. Green burials at Milton Fields do not use formaldehyde-based embalming, caskets made of metal or exotic wood, concrete burial vaults or large stone monuments. The deceased's body is not embalmed. Refrigeration or dry ice is used. The body is then placed in a casket made of renewable, biodegradable material or wrapped in a fabric shroud before being gently placed directly in the ground. A natural burial is an environmentally sustainable alternative to a conventional funeral.

Why should I consider a “green” or natural burial?

Increasingly, many people are looking for alternatives to traditional funeral arrangements. They yearn for a simpler, less costly and more natural approach to their own final arrangements. Many are concerned about loss of natural habitat, decreasing green space and man's impact on the environment.

How does a natural burial differ from a conventional burial?

Embalmed bodies may not be interred in a Natural Burial Ground. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has named formaldehyde as a “probable” carcinogen. The Green Burial Council wants to ensure that alternatives are available to people who want to minimize their environmental impact and handle their death in a natural way.



Instead of a casket made of metal or endangered woods, a green burial uses a casket made of pine, poplar, ash or wicker. Alternatively, the body may be wrapped in a shroud of biodegradable fibers such as linen or cotton. Bodies are placed directly in the earth. Gradually, the body returns to the earth in a natural progression.

Most cemeteries require the purchase of a vault or outer burial container into which the casket is placed. These containers range from several hundred to several thousand dollars. Green Burial Council-certified cemeteries specify that no vaults can be used.

Can we still have a funeral or memorial service?

Of course. Milton Fields works with local funeral providers to ensure that you and your loved ones can create a meaningful service. When a person dies, in most states the law requires refrigeration, burial, cremation or embalming within 24 hours. Most funeral homes have refrigeration available and are required by law to notify you that embalming is not required.

Can I pre-plan the funeral?

From an emotional and financial standpoint, pre-planning is a smart decision. We can recommend local funeral directors who can provide services for a natural burial.

If traditional monuments aren't used, how will I locate the grave?

Each burial space is carefully platted, recorded and marked with numbered, lettered pins inserted into the ground. If you wish, the space can have an approved memorial (such as engraved stone markers) placed on the actual plot.

Does Milton Fields accept cremated remains?

Yes. Cremated remains may be buried in biodegradable urns or scattered in a section of the cemetery reserved for ashes. Beautiful urns made of natural materials may be ordered from Passages International, Inc at www.earthurn.com.

Is Milton Fields a perpetual care cemetery?

Yes. Milton Fields' perpetual care trust agreement was approved by and registered with the Georgia Office of the Secretary of State. We are considered a perpetual or endowment-care cemetery. When a plot is purchased, we are required by law to deposit a specified amount in an irrevocable trust account. Only the interest from the account is used to maintain the cemetery. The endowment ensures that Milton Fields will be properly cared for in perpetuity.

What are your hours and days of operation?

Milton Fields Natural Burial Ground will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., all year long. The cemetery is open for visitation but closed for burials on the following holidays: New Years Day, Easter, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.

