



FAMILY LED BURIALS

- To make a burial booking please phone [06 759 6060](tel:067596060) to be connected with a member of the cemetery team
- Complete the [burial application form](#). Payment must be made **at least one** clear working day prior to service. Payment can be made:
 - Online [NPDC eProperty - Debtors](#),
 - In person at NPDC, Liardet Street, New Plymouth
 - or Libraries & Service Centres (Inglewood, Waitara, Bell Block & Ōākura)
- Please include casket size and shape on application.
- Once your booking has been made with the team, your completed application can be emailed to enquiries@npdc.govt.nz or delivered in person to NPDC Liardet Street or Libraries & Service Centres (Inglewood, Waitara, Bell Block & Ōākura).

What else you need to know

- For burials, caskets will be lowered by hand only.
- Shovels are provided for filling if family require after mats and boards etc have all been removed and placed safely to one side

HOMEMADE CASKETS: (where applicable)

Casket construction

- Caskets need to be constructed with MDF or untreated plywood (using minimum 9mm untreated plywood or 9mm MDF liteboard) or untreated timber such as pine, rimu or macrocarpa or wicker

Casket shape and size

The casket may be shaped or rectangular and must have a flat bottom.
Maximum outside dimensions are:

- Length: 2200 mm
- Width: 800 mm (including handles)
- Height: 680 mm.

Oversized caskets: Please let us know in advance if the combined weight of the casket, and or the body and casket is over 120kg as two attendants will be required to manage.

Other

- All screws/nails to be countersunk to protect our equipment
- **Cardboard caskets** must have a solid, flat, untreated plywood bottom and a plywood head end for cremator insertion
- **Painted caskets** must be painted with water-based paints. They cannot be varnished in oil-based paints or stains as this will breach our emissions consent. Caskets cannot be made of treated timber.
- For health & safety reasons the casket is required to be lined with a waterproof lining eg: A thin non-PVC plastic product.
- Council takes no responsibility for home-built casket construction durability.