

Arranging a low-cost cremation in Phoenix

Cremation is already a popular disposition choice in Arizona, with a cremation rate of over 60%. This higher than average cremation rate may attribute to the very competitive price for cremation in Phoenix and Mesa.

More than ever today families are looking to save money on funeral costs. The recent downturn in the economy, and changing attitudes, has led people to explore other alternatives than a traditional funeral option.

Families who are struggling financially will ask for help with funeral costs, and when they have little, if no, money – the simple question is '*what is the cheapest cremation option?*' In addition to this, we are finding that more Americans are just choosing not to spend on funeral costs.

What is the average cost of a cremation in Phoenix?

As the low-cost cremation market is so competitive in Phoenix, we have looked at the prices for a basic direct cremation in order to establish an average cost for direct cremation. This is a service offering that represents the funeral home collecting the deceased and transferring him or her directly for a cremation. There is no viewing or service, and as this requires the most minimal services of the funeral home staff, it can be performed for the lowest cost. ***The average cost of a direct cremation in Phoenix is around \$725.00.***

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Comparing cremation services in Phoenix

There are around 30 funeral and cremation companies in Phoenix and around 20 in Mesa. So, comparing cremation services and costs is no simple task. Do check with at least 3 funeral homes before making a decision. And be aware, that a simple cremation CAN be conducted for under \$1,000.

What is a direct cremation service?

A direct cremation is just a simple cremation with no ceremony or services performed before the cremation. The deceased is transported directly to the funeral home or crematory, all the legal paperwork is submitted, a cremation authorization form signed by the next of kin, and a cremation permit obtained from the Maricopa county coroner. The cremation is then scheduled, and after the cremation process, the cremated remains are returned directly to the family.

Understanding what a direct cremation cost includes

A direct cremation package generally includes the following:

- An arrangement meeting

- Collection of the deceased from the place of death (sometimes a specific mileage radius is specified)
- Storage of the deceased for the mandatory waiting period
- A basic cremation container
- The crematory fee
- A temporary container to return the cremated remains in.
- General assistance with completing the necessary documentation for cremation

The cremation permit and death certificate will often be additional 'cash advance' items that are additional to the direct cremation package price.

Be sure to check exactly what is included in any price you are quoted. I have come across cremation prices quoted that do not include the cremation container or the crematory fee!

Death certificates cost \$20.00 each and it is usually advisable to order a few copies, as you will need them to close down the deceased's estate.

Can you still have a memorial service with direct cremation?

Yes, of course. In fact, many families today opt for direct cremation and then conduct their own memorial service at a later date. This can be a less stressful way and dealing with the immediate disposition and enabling family and friends to gather later to memorialize the deceased.

DFS Memorials in Phoenix

The DFS Memorials network has an independent affiliate [funeral home in Phoenix](#). They offer a simple, **direct cremation for \$725**. If you have an immediate need or wish to preplan a cremation, you can call on [\(602\) 638-1151](#).

Their low-cost cremation is available throughout Avondale, Goodyear, Phoenix, Mesa, Sun City, Gila County, Maricopa County, Pima County & Pinal County.

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