

WAC 308-47-070 Disposition of cremated human remains. (1) A crematory must keep a permanent record of all cremations performed and the disposition or release of the cremated human remains. The record must include the following information:

- Date of death.
- Date burial transit permit was issued.
- Date of delivery of human remains to the crematory.
- Date of cremation.
- Name of crematory operator performing the cremation.
- Name of person performing packaging, and date of packaging.
- Date of release of the cremated human remains and the name of the individual(s) to whom the cremated human remains were released; or
- Date of disposition of the cremated human remains.

(2) When cremated human remains have been in the possession of a crematory, funeral establishment or cemetery for a period of ninety days or more, the entity holding the cremated human remains may arrange for disposition in any legal manner, provided the entity:

- Attempts to contact the authorizing agent for disposition instructions by registered mail.
- Informs the authorizing agent(s) of the procedures that will be followed if disposition instructions are not received.
- Informs the authorizing agent(s) that disposition will take place if disposition instructions are not received within sixty days of initiation of the contact process.
- Informs the authorizing agent(s) that recovery of the cremated human remains, after the disposition, may or may not be possible.
- Maintains a permanent record of the location of the disposition.

(3) No entity making disposition of cremated human remains under subsection (2) of this section will be liable for the disposition or nonrecoverability of cremated human remains.

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