

SB0049 Natural Organic Reduction Amendment

Burial Principles Pioneers Lived By

WHAT IS IT

Natural Organic Reduction (NOR) provides consumers with an additional choice for final disposition. It is an alternative to cremation or burial.

NOR is a **safe and proven method of death care that gently transforms bodies into soil**. Much like the choices that people have with cremated remains, families may choose to use some soil to **plant a tree or a memorial garden**.

NOR **offers consumers an additional choice that is less expensive than conventional burial**. There is no need to purchase expensive caskets, vaults or cemetery plots.

Given the rapid population growth in Utah, death care options that don't obligate land in perpetuity have become increasingly important.

KEY QUESTIONS ANSWERED

What is natural organic reduction?

- A method of disposition that converts human remains to soil
- Based on the principles of livestock mortality composting
- Proven viable through university-led programs and state regulations
- Process takes approximately 30-60 days

What is the public safety impact?

- Proven safe by university-led programs
- 131°F heat (generated by the natural changes occurring in the body) kills viruses, bacteria, and pathogens
- Exceeds EPA requirements: heavy metals are stabilized in the soil, not volatilized
- Safe for gardens, trees, and general land use

How does this benefit consumers?

- Freedom of choice
- Less expensive than burial
- Natural and dignified process



155%
more seniors
in Utah

Utah's over 65 population is expected to be 155% higher in 2030 than 2000, an increase of more than 331,000 people.

Right now, residents have only three choices for the disposition of their body after death: cremation, burial, and alkaline hydrolysis.

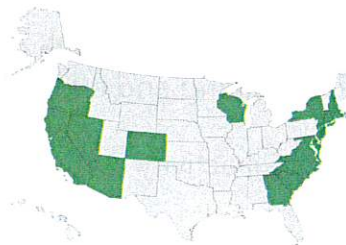


60%
cremation rate

Utah has a cremation rate of over 60%. Families are choosing cremation because they can't afford burial and because cemeteries, who are limited on land and often "sold out" can't offer additional space in family plots. Natural Organic Reduction offers an alternate form of burial

The following states have legalized NOR, with zero complaints filed since legalization, and 11 additional states have introduced bills this year that are currently in progress.

ALREADY LEGAL



Arizona (2024)
California (approved 2022; effective 2027)
Colorado (2021)
Delaware (2024)
Georgia (2025)
Maine (2024)
Maryland (2024)
Minnesota (2025)
Nevada (2024)
New Jersey (2025)
New York (2024)
Oregon (2022)
Vermont (2023)
Washington (2020)



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