

**Nalley-Pickle & Welch Crematory**  
**P.O. BOX 50503, Midland, TX 79710-0503**  
**Trinity Memorial Park**  
**P.O. BOX 2591, BIG SPRING, TX 79721-2591**

**CREMATION AUTHORIZATION – FAX FORM**

I(We), the undersigned (the Authorizing Agent(s)), hereby authorize and request NPW or TMP Crematory, in accordance with and subject to its rules and regulations, and any applicable state or local laws or regulations, to cremate the human remains of \_\_\_\_\_ (the "decedent") and to arrange for the final disposition of the cremated remains, as set forth on this form.

**IDENTIFICATION OF DECEDENT**

I(We), have identified the human remains that were delivered to the funeral home as the decedent, and have authorized the funeral home to deliver the decedent to NPW or TMP Crematory, for cremation. Identification made \_\_\_ In Person, \_\_\_ By Photograph, \_\_\_ Right of Identification is waived.

I(We), have arranged for a viewing of the deceased or service with the deceased present before cremation at the following:  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ n/a \_\_\_\_\_, Time \_\_\_\_\_ n/a \_\_\_\_\_

I(We), have read the entitled "NPW or TMP Crematory Policies, Procedures and Requirements" (pages 2 & 4), and hereby authorize NPW or TMP Crematory to perform the cremation of the decedent in accordance with that document.

—————> **Initials of AA \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Authorizing agent)

Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Death \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Did the decedent die of natural causes? Yes    No  
If no, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

Was death caused by an infectious or contagious disease? Yes    No  
If yes, please explain \_\_\_\_\_

**PRE-NEED CREMATION ARRANGEMENTS**

Did the decedent arrange for his or her own cremation, on a pre-need basis? Yes    No

Did the decedent leave a will with written instructions to be cremated? Yes    No

Did the decedent execute a pre-need cremation contract? Yes    No

**TIME OF CREMATION**

NPW or TMP Crematory is authorized to perform the cremation upon receipt of the human remains, at its discretion, without obtaining any further authorization or instructions. The cremation is scheduled to take place on \_\_\_\_\_ (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (date), at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ (time), unless unavoidably delayed due to mechanical or other difficulty and assuming the timely delivery of the decedent to the crematory.

**PACEMAKERS, PROSTHESIS, SILICON AND RADIOACTIVE IMPLANTS**

Does the decedent's remains contain a silicon implant? Circle Y or N Yes    No

PLEASE INITIAL ONE OF THE NEXT TWO PARAGRAPHS!

—————> The decedent's remains do not contain a pacemaker, radioactive implant or any other device that could be harmful to the crematory. They are safe to cremate. **Initials of AA \_\_\_\_\_** (do not initial here if decedent has a pacemaker)

The following list contains all existing devices (including all mechanical, radioactive implants and prosthetic devices) which are implanted in or attached to the decedent that should be removed prior to cremation

\_\_\_\_\_

I have instructed the funeral home to remove or arrange for the removal of these devices and to properly dispose of them prior to transporting the decedent to NPW or TMP Crematory. **Initials of AA \_\_\_\_\_** (only initial here if decedent has a pacemaker)

**WITNESSING**

Witnessing the container being placed into the cremation chamber is allowed limited to those person listed below. There may be additional charges for this service. If witnessing is required, please list those attending.

\_\_\_\_\_ None \_\_\_\_\_

**MERCHANDISE**

Type of casket or container selected: Alternative Container

(NPW or TMP Crematory does not accept metal caskets.)

**VALUABLES**

Due to the nature of the cremation process, any personal possessions or valuable materials that are left with the decedent will be destroyed or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by the NPW Crematory. Arrangements must be made with the funeral home to remove any of these before transporting to the Crematory.

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After the cremation has taken place, the cremated remains have been processed and the processed cremated remains placed in the designated receptacle, NPW or TMP Crematory will arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains as follows, and the Authorizing Agent(s) hereby authorizes NPW or TMP Crematory to release, deliver, transport, or ship the cremated remains as specified. If after the expiration of the 121st day after cremation the cremated remains have not been claimed by the authorizing agent(s), they will be disposed of according to section 716.302(c) of the Texas Health & Safety Code. Check one of the following:

1.    Release cremated remains to the following designated person:

Scheduled Date of Release \_\_\_\_\_

2.    Deliver the cremated remains to the U.S. Post Office for shipment by Registered, Return Receipt mail to \_\_\_\_\_ for permanent disposition.

(If option 2 is selected, then I (we) agree to assume all liability that may arise from such shipment, and to indemnify and hold NPW or TMP Crematory harmless from any and all claims that may arise from such shipment.)

3.    Arrange for the disposition of the cremated remains at the discretion of NPW or TMP Crematory in a designated area at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, TX. The Authorizing Agent(s) understands that if this option is selected, then final disposition may include the commingling of the cremated remains with other cremated remains, and that thereafter the cremated remains of the decedent shall not be recoverable.

4.    Other \_\_\_\_\_

**PERMANENT DISPOSITION OF CREMATED REMAINS**

The authorizing agent(s) are required to disclose the manner of permanent disposition for the cremated remains, if known.

**AUTHORITY OF AUTHORIZING AGENT**

I(We), hereby certify that the decedent left the following surviving heirs at law:

Spouse	Name _____
Children	How Many <u>  </u> Name(s) _____
Parents	How Many <u>  </u> Name(s) _____
Siblings	How Many <u>  </u> Name(s) _____

\_\_\_\_\_

If all responses are no, the person(s) in the next degree of kinship to the decedent is (are):

\_\_\_\_\_

If the legal next of kin or if all persons of the same degree of kinship are not signing below, then the person(s) signing below as Authorizing Agent(s) has made all reasonable efforts but failed to contact those parties and believes the person(s) would not object to the cremation. Separate authorization(s), if necessary, shall be attached to, and considered part of, this form.

Therefore, I(we), the undersigned, hereby certify that I am the closest living next of kin of the decedent and that I am related to the decedent as \_\_\_\_\_, that I have charge of the remains of the decedent and as such possess full legal authority and power, according to the laws of the state of Texas, to execute the authorization form and to arrange for the cremation and disposition of the cremated remains of the decedent.

**LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

As the Authorizing Agent(s), I(we) hereby agree to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless NPW or TMP Crematory, its officers, agents and employees, of and from any and all claims, demands, causes or causes of action, and suits of every kind, nature and description, in law or equity, including any legal fees, costs and expenses of litigation, arising as a result of, based upon or connected with this authorization, including the failure to properly identify the decedent or the human remains transmitted to NPW or TMP Crematory, the processing, shipping and final disposition of the cremated remains, any damage due to harmful or explodable implants, claims brought by any other person(s) claiming the right to control the disposition of the decedent or the decedent's cremated remains, or any other action performed by NPW or TMP Crematory, its officers, agents or employees, pursuant to this authorization, excepting only acts of willful negligence.

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**SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZING AGENT(S)**

**This is a legal document. It contains important provisions concerning cremation.  
Cremation is irreversible and final. Read this document carefully before signing.**

By executing this cremation Authorization Form, as Authorizing Agent(s), the undersigned warrant that all representations and statements contained on this form are true and correct, that these statements were made to induce NPW or TMP Crematory to cremate the human remains of the decedent, and that the undersigned have read and understand the provisions contained on this form.

Executed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Signature X \_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship to Decedent \_\_\_\_\_ (PLEASE ATTACH PHOTO ID) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARY**

State of \_\_\_\_\_  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

Before me, \_\_\_\_\_, on this day personally appeared \_\_\_\_\_, known to me (or proved to me through \_\_\_\_\_) to be the person whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the purposes and consideration therein expressed.

Given under my hand and seal of office this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

(SEAL)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public's Signature

X \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Funeral Director as Witness for Signature(s) of Authorizing Agent(s) License Number \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Funeral Director's Name and Address of Funeral Home

**REPRESENTATIONS OF FUNERAL DIRECTOR**

By executing this authorization form as licensed funeral director and agent/employee of the funeral home indicated above, I warrant to the best of my knowledge the following:

1. That our funeral home was responsible for making arrangements with the Authorizing Agent(s) for the cremation of the decedent and that I have reviewed this authorization form with the Authorizing Agent(s).
2. That no member of our funeral home has any knowledge or information that would lead us to believe that any of the answers provided on this form, by the Authorizing Agent(s), are incorrect.
3. That the human remains delivered to NPW or TMP Crematory and represented as the human remains specified on this form are in fact the human remains that were identified to our funeral home as the decedent.
4. That our funeral home obtained all necessary permits authorizing the cremation of the decedent, and that those permits are attached.
5. That the representations contained above concerning the decedent's cause of death and regarding any infectious or contagious disease are true.
6. That the representations contained above concerning a pacemaker and any other material or implant that may be potentially hazardous are true.

Signature of Licensed Funeral Director X \_\_\_\_\_

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**POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS**

The cremation, processing and disposition of the remains of the deceased shall be performed in accordance with all governing laws, and the policies, procedures and requirements of NPW or TMP Crematory and the designated funeral home. This document describes many of the policies and requirements of NPW or TMP Crematory and is incorporated in our Cremation Authorization Form. We suggest you take the time to read this document carefully before executing the Cremation Authorization Form.

**NPW CREMATORY'S REQUIREMENTS FOR CREMATION**

Cremation will take place only after all the following have been met:

1. Any scheduled ceremonies or viewing have been completed.
2. Civil and medical authorities have issued all required permits.
3. All necessary authorizations have been obtained, and no objections have been raised.

**CASKETS – CONTAINERS**

NPW or TMP Crematory requires either a casket or an alternative (cremation) container for cremation. All caskets and alternative containers must meet the following standards:

1. Be composed of materials suitable for cremation;
2. Be able to be closed to provide a complete covering of the human remains;
3. Be resistant to leakage or spillage;
4. Be sufficient for handling with ease;
5. Be able to provide protection for the health and safety of crematory personnel.

Many caskets that are comprised primarily of combustible material also contain some exterior parts, e.g., decorative handles or rails, that are not combustible and that may cause damage to the cremation equipment. NPW or TMP Crematory, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to remove these noncombustible materials prior to cremation and to discard them with similar materials from other cremations and other refuse in a non-recoverable manner.

NPW or TMP Crematory does NOT accept metal caskets for cremation. Such caskets are inappropriate for cremation equipment.

**PACEMAKERS, PROSTHESES AND RADIOACTIVE DEVICES**

Pacemakers and prostheses, as well as any other mechanical or radioactive devices or implants in the decedent, may create a hazardous condition when placed in the cremation chamber. It is imperative that pacemakers and radioactive devices be removed prior to cremation. If the funeral home is not notified about such devices and implants, and not instructed to remove them, then the person(s) authorizing the cremation will be responsible for any damages caused to NPW or TMP Crematory or crematory personnel by such devices or implants.

**THE CREMATION PROCESS**

All cremations are performed individually. Exceptions are only made in the case of close relatives, and then only with the prior written instructions of the Authorizing Agent(s).

Cremation is performed by placing the deceased in a casket or other container and then placing the casket or container into a cremation chamber or retort, where they are subjected to intense heat and flame. During the cremation process, it may be necessary to open the cremation chamber and reposition the deceased in order to facilitate a complete and thorough cremation. Through the use of a suitable fuel, incineration of the container and contents is accomplished and all substances are consumed or driven off, except bone fragments (calcium compounds) and metal (including dental gold and silver and other non-human material) as the temperature is not sufficient to consume them.

Due to the nature of the cremation process any personal possessions or valuable materials, such as dental gold or jewelry (as well as anybody prosthesis or dental bridgework), that are left with the decedent and not removed from the casket or container prior to cremation will be destroyed or if not destroyed, will be disposed of by NPW or TMP Crematory. As the casket or container will not normally be opened by NPW or TMP Crematory (to remove valuables, to allow for a final viewing or for any other reason), arrangements must be made with the funeral home to remove any such possessions or valuables prior to the time that the decedent is transported to NPW or TMP Crematory.

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Following a cooling period, the cremated remains, which will normally weigh several pounds in the case of an average size adult, are then swept or raked from the cremation chamber. NPW or TMP Crematory makes a reasonable effort to remove all of the cremated remains from the cremation chamber, but it is impossible to remove all of them, as some dust and other residue from the process are always left behind. In addition, while every effort will be made to avoid commingling, inadvertent or incidental commingling of minute particles of cremated remains from the residue of previous cremations is a possibility.

After the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, all non-combustible materials (insofar as possible), such as bridgework, and materials from the casket or container, such as hinges, latches, nails, etc., will be separated and removed from the human bone fragments by visible or magnetic selection and will be disposed of by NPW or TMP Crematory with similar materials from other cremations in a non-recoverable manner.

When the cremated remains are removed from the cremation chamber, the skeletal remains often contain recognizable bone fragments. After the bone fragments have been separated from the other material, they will then be mechanically processed (pulverized). This process of crushing or grinding may cause incidental commingling of the remains with the residue from the processing of previously cremated remains. These granulated particles of unidentifiable dimensions will be virtually unrecognizable as human remains.

**URNS/CONTAINERS**

After the cremated remains have been processed, they will be placed in the designated urn or container. NPW or TMP Crematory will make a reasonable effort to put all of the cremated remains in the urn or container, with the exception of dust or other residue that may remain on the processing equipment. In the event the urn or container provided is insufficient to accommodate all of the cremated remains, the excess will be placed in a separate receptacle. The separate receptacle will be kept with the primary receptacle and handled according to the disposition instructions on the Cremation Authorization Form. NPW or TMP Crematory requires that all urns or containers provided are appropriate for shipping or permanent storage, and that in the case of an adult, it is recommended that the urn or container be a minimum size of 200 cubic inches. If such an urn or container is not provided for the cremated remains, then NPW or TMP Crematory will place the cremated remains in a container designed for shipping or permanent storage. This container is not meant to be indestructible.

**FINAL DISPOSITION**

Cremation is NOT final disposition, nor is placing the cremated remains in storage at a funeral home final disposition. The cremation process simply reduces the decedent's body to cremated remains. These cremated remains usually weigh several pounds and usually measure in excess of 150 cubic inches. Some provision must be made for the FINAL DISPOSITION of these cremated remains. Therefore, NPW or TMP Crematory strongly suggest that arrangements for final disposition be made at the time that the cremation arrangements for a cremation unless the Final Disposition Section of the Cremation Authorization Form is completed. If NPW or TMP Crematory is instructed to place the cremated remains in the designated area at Trinity Memorial Park, this will include the commingling of the cremated remains with other cremated remains, and thereafter the cremated remains of the decedent will not be recoverable.

**LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

The obligations of NPW or TMP Crematory shall be limited to the cremation of the decedent and the disposition of the decedent's cremated remains as authorized on the Cremation Authorization Form. No Warranties Express or Implied are Made and Damages Shall be Limited to the Amount of the Cremation Fee Paid.