



REASONS TO PLAN AHEAD

COMMUNICATING YOUR WISHES

You plan for the major life events and milestones, so why not consider this one? As difficult as it may be to contemplate, your family will appreciate being relieved of this stress during a time of grief. After you're gone, your loved ones can celebrate your life, instead of worrying about planning. You can make choices together, so that everyone involved knows what to expect and your wishes. This pre-planning can protect your final wishes and ensure you're remembered exactly how you'd like to be, while creating a memorable experience for your family to celebrate your life.

ALLEVIATE STRESS ON YOUR FAMILY AND LOVED ONES

Major decisions are the last thing families facing the loss of a loved one want to face. Often, confusion and disagreements can create emotional headaches between family members deciding between cremation and a burial, how much to spend, and what type of ceremony best honors your memory. You can avoid this by leaving behind a comprehensive plan outlining your final wishes and leaving instructions behind with a funerary professional who can help execute that vision.

PROTECT YOUR FAMILY FROM FINANCIAL BURDEN

Between the rising costs of funerals and the administrative costs of obtaining important documents like a death certificate, hiring a lawyer to execute your will, and any financial burdens you may leave behind when you leave, families can face a monumental burden. So many of these costs occur in the first 24-72 hours of your death and can be incredibly taxing on your loved ones while they're already grieving. By pre-planning and locking in the price of your memorial service, you can not only finance it yourself in an affordable way, but you can relieve this large burden from the shoulders of your family. It can also be helpful to create separate financial trust or bank account solely for the purpose of these expenditures. At Fairmount we have pre-planning experts that can guide you through this entire process.

Within the first hours, weeks, and month of your passing, your family will have to compile an extensive collection of administrative documents and contact a long list of government agencies, insurance companies, financial and medical institutions, and many more points of contact. By getting organized with all the proper documents and compiling all the necessary contact information ahead of time, you can provide your loved ones with substantial relief at this difficult time. We recommend you download and read our First Steps Checklist for a detailed look at everything you'll need.