

Direct Cremation Price Comparison

What's Included in the Price?

Use this checklist when comparing direct cremation prices. Ask each provider specifically what is included in their quoted price and check the boxes below. This will help you compare "apples to apples" and understand the true value of each service.

| | Bercese Funeral & Cremation Traditions | Other Provider: _____ |
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| Quoted Price: | \$2845 | \$ |

Instructions: Items with a checkmark (✓) are included in our direct cremation price. Check the boxes in the right column for what the other provider includes.

| What's Included? | Bercese FACTS Included | Other Provider Included |
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| PROFESSIONAL SERVICES | | |
| Funeral director and staff professional services | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Arrangements Conference 7 days a week (Some providers charge extra to meet on Sat or Sun) | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 24/7 availability for immediate need calls | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| In-Person Positive Identification (Some providers charge extra for In-Person Positive ID) | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Shelting of remains in our care | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| TRANSFER AND TRANSPORTATION | | |
| Transfer from place of death to funeral home (within local service area) | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| On-Site crematory or transportation to crematory (Bercese has Crematory On-Site) | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| DOCUMENTATION AND PERMITS | | |
| \$100 Fee paid to Medical Examiner for Cremation Certificate | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cremation permit and authorization processing | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Filing of death certificate with state and picking up copies for family | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CREMATION SERVICES | | |
| Crematory fee | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Cremation container (Rigid cardboard contain to) | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Identification procedures and tracking | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| MERCHANDISE | | |
| Temporary plastic container if urn not selected | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| ADDITIONAL SERVICES | | |
| Assistance with obituary preparation | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Obituary placement coordination | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Online memorial/tribute page | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Notification of Social Security Administration | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Veteran services coordination (if applicable) | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Assistance with insurance claims | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Grief support resources | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| OPTIONAL OR ADDITIONAL FEES | | |
| After-hours or weekend service fee | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Long-distance transfer fee (beyond service area) | ✓ | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Expedited service fee | No | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Oversize container fee (if needed) | Varies | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other fees: _____ | _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Important Questions to Ask:

1. What type of urn is included or is there an additional charge for an urn? (temporary container, basic urn, or selection of quality urns?)
2. How many death certificates are included in the price?
3. Is there a fee for after-hours, weekend, or holiday services? (Transfer of remains or funeral conference)
4. Do you have your own crematory, or do you use a third-party facility?
5. What is your identification and tracking process?
6. Are there any other fees not listed above?
7. Can I plan and/or pay for services in advance?

Remember: *The lowest price isn't always the best value. Consider what's included, the quality of service, and the support provided to your family during this difficult time.*

Your Rights: *Under the FTC Funeral Rule, funeral homes must provide you with itemized price lists and cannot require you to purchase unnecessary items or services.*