

MANITOBA CONSERVATION AND WATER STEWARDSHIP and THE FUNERAL BOARD OF MANITOBA

Introduction:

Until September 1, 2013, it has not been clear as to how ashes may be scattered in, provincially owned lands and waterways. A motion was introduced in the Legislature in the Spring 2013 session to recognize that Manitoba's diverse population may have cultural or religious needs to scatter ashes in waterways. As a result, the Province has decided to clarify what can be done with cremated remains in waterways.

New Policy:

Human remains that have been properly cremated may be scattered on unoccupied provincial government owned Crown land or water (which includes provincial parks) without the consent of government. Care should be taken to ensure that the ashes are not scattered near drinking water or recreational water activities like swimming.

Questions and Answers:

What can be done with cremated remains?

You can:

- Purchase a compartment ("niche") in a columbarium
- Purchase a plot in a cemetery
- Scatter in a cemetery, with the permission of the cemetery owner
- Scatter on private land, with the consent of the owner
- Scatter on unoccupied provincial government-owned Crown land or water (including provincial parks) without government/consent.

A licensed funeral director can assist with arrangements. You can talk to your licensed funeral director about your options, if desired.

Can cremated remains be scattered on municipal property?

Contact your municipal government if you want to scatter on municipal water or land.

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