

**A truly Green approach to
deceased preparation**



This is ...

**not a new chemical
not a new product
not a replacement
for embalming
it is a technique.**

**A technique offering a choice
between embalming and nothing.
A technique allowing a natural
and toxin-free return to nature.**

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The topic of environmentally-friendly

farewells "eco-funerals" covers a wide range of issues, from full "natural burials" in specially designated areas, to simple choices made throughout the funeral arrangements that will minimise the environmental impact and carbon footprint of someone's funeral.

Common areas of focus are embalming, and the preparation of the deceased.

Embalming:

Modern embalming is now the usual way of preparing the deceased in New Zealand, with currently over 80% of deceased persons being embalmed.

When thinking of an environmentally- friendly funeral most people believe that doing nothing, and certainly not embalming, is the most natural state for the deceased. However, this does not recognise the accumulation of toxins or chemicals that build up in one's body during life, or drugs that may be introduced during a final illness. These often leave the body in an anything but natural state.

However, even with this knowledge, many people still do not want "embalming" in association with an environmentally-friendly farewell.

Now there is a preparation option that minimises any perceived harmful effects to the environment, and is truly **eco-friendly** ...



ecoprep is a truly natural preparation process developed by Andrew Malcolm. It is a process that cleanses and sanitises the body with an arterial wash, but does not preserve tissue. Much like a blood transfusion, the solutions used in **ecoprep** are distributed through the arterial system, diluting and flushing out many toxins, chemicals, and drugs from the blood.

The solutions used in the arterial wash are not preservatives, but simply cleansers, consisting of pH correctors and arterial conditioners. While these same solutions are commonly used in the process of "pre-injection" sometimes used by funeral service professionals prior to traditional embalming, it is important to note that **no** formaldehyde, gluteraldehyde, or other preservatives are used in the process.

The body surface (skin) is sponge-washed with antiseptic oils such as Eucalyptus Oil, and the body orifices, mouth etc, are cleaned with stronger antiseptic oils, such as Tea Tree Oil.

In the **ecoprep** process the mouth is closed with natural unbleached ligature and the eyes are closed using the old-fashioned technique of cotton soaked with oil - usually tea tree oil.

Body tissue is left cleansed and in a natural state, and the deceased is usually available for viewing for the following 2 to 3 days.

Limitations:

While the preservative-free, simple cleansing nature of **ecoprep** slows decomposition, it still allows for natural deterioration in a relatively short timeframe. This does limit the time a deceased person can be kept between death and the funeral, usually 2 to 4 days, depending on time of year and cause of death.

If longer time frames are required, light embalming or standard embalming should be considered.

Practitioners:

Most modern funeral homes will have the facilities and ability to offer this technique, and a certification process is available for those practitioners wishing to become proficient in this art. For more information, visit the training page on the website.

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