

**Immediate After Death Instruction**  
**for La Puerta Natural Burial Ground**

**Death that occurs in hospital or care facility:**

1. Family or designated agent should contact Natural Burial New Mexico as soon as possible to facilitate completion of death certificate and discuss time of burial and transportation to La Puerta Natural Burial Ground.

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**Death that occurs while on hospice**

1. Call hospice nurse
2. The hospice nurse will declare time of death.
3. Family or agent should then contact Natural Burial New Mexico as soon as possible to facilitate completion of death certificate and discuss time of burial and transportation to La Puerta Natural Burial Ground.

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**Unexpected or accidental death at home or in public**

1. Call 911
2. Police or Emergency Medical Services (EMS) will determine if the deceased should be transported to a hospital emergency facility or if the NM Office of Medical Investigator (OMI) will be called to transport the body to OMI. Time and cause of death will be determined.
3. Family or agent should contact Natural Burial New Mexico as soon as possible to discuss completion of death certificate. After the deceased is released by OMI, please contact Natural Burial New Mexico again to discuss time of burial and transportation to La Puerta Natural Burial Ground.

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