

Cremation Scattering Methods

Raking Ashes: the ashes are poured from the scattering urn evenly on loose soil and raked into the ground at the conclusion of the scattering ceremony. This is the most common form of scattering ashes within the Garden of Remembrance.

Trenching Ashes: this is done on one of the raised beds within the Garden of Remembrance when a shallow trench or groove is dug in the soil. The trench is filled from the scattering urn and raked over at the conclusion of the ceremony. You can get creative and dig the person's name in the soil, maybe inside a heart, then fill the void with the ashes. If it is not too windy, candles can go in the ground alongside the trench for a more spiritual feel (these will be removed by the Cemetery Sexton post ceremony after a period of time)

Ringing Ashes: This is when a ring is formed in the raised bed around an object or even a group of objects, it can be with or without a trench. The scattering urn will need to be held close to the ground when pouring the ring.

Casting Ashes: is the act of simply tossing the ashes to the wind. Usually done by one individual while others look on. Care and consideration of others should be used when casting. Check the direction of the wind and cast down wind. The ashes are mostly made up of dense sand like matter and will quickly fall to the ground but some of it will be a fine powder and this will become airborne forming a cloud. Casting can also be done as a group. People can take turns scattering a little at a time.