



# Heart Land Prairie Cemetery

*A project of Heart Land Green Burial, Inc.*

## Guidelines for Burial at HLPC

At Heart Land Prairie Cemetery, we offer natural burial in a beautiful rural setting and we work with funeral service providers as well as with families who choose to have a home funeral. Clear communication between families, funeral directors, and the cemetery are essential for providing a safe and meaningful experience. Please keep the following guidelines in mind when planning a natural burial at HLPC.

### **Preparation:**

- ⊙ HLPC accepts only un-embalmed bodies or cremated remains in biodegradable containers or shrouds.
- ⊙ No vaults or grave liners are used.
- ⊙ Graves will be marked with a small metal marker engraved with the name, birth and death dates. Physical measurements and GPS coordinates also ensure plot location accuracy.
- ⊙ Plots at HLPC are sold at time of need. No pre-paid reservations can be made (with the exception of a person on hospice care); however, we will work closely with families to ensure that proximity to a spouse, partner, or child is available. Payment in full is due at time of purchase.

### **Memorials:**

- ⊙ No engraved monuments are allowed on the gravesite.
- ⊙ HLPC is a restoration prairie project. Only cemetery-approved native prairie species are permitted to be planted on the gravesites.
- ⊙ Non-biodegradable items left on the gravesites will be removed within 5 days and, if possible, returned to the family.

### **Grave digging:**

- ⊙ Graves will commonly be dug by backhoe and provided by a contracted professional.
- ⊙ Families may participate in hand opening/closing of the grave. Families may not dig a grave with their own backhoe.
- ⊙ If a family elects to dig the grave by hand, arrangements must be made with the cemetery 48 hours in advance of the burial, the digging complete 24 hours prior to the scheduled burial. Digging will be supervised by the cemetery director. We provide the necessary tools on site. The grave will be covered with a tarp and/or plywood and clearly marked for safety prior to the burial.

### **Burial:**

- ⊙ For lowering the body into the grave, 6 people of adequate strength need to be present. If the family is unable to provide these pallbearers, arrangements can be made 24 hours in advance with the cemetery. Guided instruction from the cemetery director will take place immediately prior to the graveside ceremony.

### **Cemetery Access:**

- ⊙ HLPC is open to the public every day from dawn until dusk.
- ⊙ Walking trails will be maintained throughout the site.

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