

## Effects on the natural resources from the various burial methods.

Effects with:	Casket funeral	Cremation	Ecologic funeral
General environmental effect	Considerable	Considerable	Positive
Energy consumption	Small	High, equivalent to: 23 liters of fuel oil and half a kilograms of activated carbon for each cremation.	High, "green energy" can be used.
Air	None	Flue gases, mercury*, carbon dioxin, (green house effect)	None
Lakes and seas	Eutrophication Oxygen depletion	Eutrophication Oxygen depletion	None
Drainage water	Yes**	Yes	None
Ground water	Yes**	Yes	None
Drinking water	Yes**	Yes	None
Soil	Yes**	None	Positive effects***
Burial ground	Large areas.High demands on preparation, drainage and sewage treatment.	Small areas.	Medium sized areas. Possibility to reuse old burial-ground.Low demands on drainage and sewage treatment.

\* 1/3 of the total mercury emissions come from crematory.

\*\* Apart from all other substances also formalin, if the body has been embalmed.

\*\*\* The soil gets a contribution as the body transforms into mulch.