

# Your Final Expense Checklist



Wondering how much to budget for your final send-off?

Our customizable checklist can help your family avoid big financial surprises when the time comes.

	Expense	Industry Estimate	My Plan
	<b>Funeral home expenses</b> • Filing paperwork • Securing permits and death certificate copies • Coordinating with the cemetery, crematory, and other providers • Funeral home overhead expenses	\$2,100	
	<b>Transferring remains to the funeral home</b> <b>Embalming</b> <b>Other preparations of the body</b>	\$325 \$725 \$250	
	<b>Viewing fees</b> <b>Funeral facility fee</b> <i>(varies depending on where it's held, such as the funeral home or a church)</i>	\$425 \$200-\$500	
	<b>Officiant fees</b> <b>Funeral services</b> • Flowers • Professional musicians	\$50-\$200 \$350-\$900	
	<b>Use of funeral home staff for funeral at another location</b> <i>(like church or cemetery)</i> <b>Hearse</b>	\$300-\$700 \$325	
	<b>Service car/limousine</b> <i>(if your family wants transportation to the funeral or cemetery)</i> <b>Burial casket or cremation casket</b>	\$150 \$2,000-\$10,000	
	<b>Cemetery plot</b> <i>(Burial only)</i> • Plot • Mausoleum crypt • Endowment care • Burial vault • Opening and closing plot • Headstone or grave marker purchase and installation	\$4,100-\$11,600	
	<b>Urn and cremation fee</b> <i>(Cremation only)</i> <i>(if your funeral home uses a third-party crematory)</i> <b>Post-ceremony reception</b>	\$200-\$2,000 Cost varies	
<b>Total</b>	<b>Burial</b> <i>(not including reception)</i> <b>Cremation</b> <i>(not including reception)</i>	<b>\$11,300-\$28,200</b> <b>\$6,750-\$9,950</b>	

For ways to keep costs down while still planning a memorable service, visit [efinancial.com/resources/blogs/blogpost/finalexpense-checklist](https://efinancial.com/resources/blogs/blogpost/finalexpense-checklist)

SOURCES: "Statistics," National Funeral Directors Association

"Here's How You Can Easily Understand Funeral Home Costs," Everplans • "Funeral Flower Arrangements," US Funerals Online  
 "How Much Does It Cost to Be Buried in A Cemetery," Everplans • "Guide to Choosing A Funeral Singer," FuneralWise