

City of Saskatoon Scattering Remains Guidelines

The scattering of cremated remains within the boundaries of the City of Saskatoon, outside of a cemetery, is permitted by the City subject to these guidelines and any applicable provincial and federal legislation.

When scattering cremated remains in these locations, please consider the impact to the public and the environment. The following guidelines apply:

1. Scattering is only permitted in the South Saskatchewan River and only from May 1 to October 31.
2. Scattering is not permitted within 200 metres upstream of a water intake.
3. Scattering must not be done close to high public activity areas.
4. The City does not condone entering the river; individuals do so at their own risk.
5. If vessels and ceremonial items are to be used, they must be biodegradable (i.e., real flowers).
6. Remains must be completely pulverized and no bone fragments or remnants recognizable as human remains may be visible.
7. Only a small, ceremonial amount of remains may be scattered.
8. Permanent forms of memorialization must be completed through a cemetery.
9. Individuals are responsible for complying with all applicable federal or provincial requirements when scattering cremated remains.

Where cremated remains are scattered following these guidelines, no permission is required. These guidelines do not replace any requirements that may be established by federal or provincial laws.