

Colma Cremation & Funeral Services
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How Many Death Certificates Should I Order?

Since Death Certificates are used to settle assets, the amount you order should reflect the degree of assets owned by the deceased. Below is a list of institutions that require a Certified Death Certificate to close or change existing accounts.

The following should assist you in making the decision as to how many Certified Death Certificates are necessary. It is safe to order a couple extra just in case any particularly unique institutions arise not listed below. Also, additional certificates can be ordered at any time.

- ___ Trust
- ___ Attorney (remember to make appointment)
- ___ Banking/Savings Institutions
- ___ Department of Motor Vehicles (one should be sufficient to transfer multiple vehicles)
- ___ Family
- ___ Insurance Agent (remember to make appointment)
- ___ Social Security Administration if expecting payments- 800-722-1213 (we will notify them)
- ___ Stock Broker (one is usually required to each institution holding stock, not for each stock)
- ___ Title Companies (for each house title)
- ___ Veteran's Administration (if expecting benefits)
- ___ Foreign Consulate (if shipment is involved)
- ___ Extra (just in case)

- ___ Total

When will I receive Death Certificates?

The Health Department returns the Death Certificates to Colma Cremation & Funeral Services within 10 business working days.

Colma Cremation & Funeral Services will call you the day that the Death Certificates are received.

You have the choice to pick them up in person or to have them delivered to you via Federal Express to spare you the trip.

I chose to

Pick-up Federal Express (\$40)

Changing information on original accomplished by amending the original. To amend an original certificate, our administrative fee is \$35. The amendment will be attached to the original. The cost of certificates from the health department remains the same.