

# Disposition of Remains Report: Yekaterinburg

## Part I: Name of Country

Russia

## Part II: US Consulate General Information

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## Part III: Profile of Religions and Religious Services available to visitors:

Country Profile: Visit the State Department's website "[Background Note: Russia](#)"  
Religions: Russian Orthodox, Islam, Judaism, Roman Catholicism, Protestant, Buddhist, other. More than 70% of Russians identify themselves as Russian Orthodox.

## Part IV: Funeral Directors, Mortician and Related Services Available in Yekaterinburg:

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## **Short list of Yekaterinburg funeral homes:**

### **ProfRitual**

6 Vostochnaya st.,  
Yekaterinburg, 620027  
Tel.: +7 (343) 222-22-32 (24 hours)  
Web: [www.profritual.ru](http://www.profritual.ru)  
E-mail: [info@profritual.ru](mailto:info@profritual.ru)

### **Gabbro**

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Yekaterinburg, 620097  
Tel.: +7 (343) 290-95-95 (24 hours)  
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### **Ritual**

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Yekaterinburg, 620000  
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### **Karit-Service**

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Yekaterinburg, 620028  
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Web: [www.karit-service.ru](http://www.karit-service.ru)  
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### **HELP (Funeral Home)**

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Yekaterinburg, 620007  
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Web: [www.ritualhelp.ru](http://www.ritualhelp.ru)  
E-mail: [info@ritualhelp.ru](mailto:info@ritualhelp.ru)

## **Part V: Profile of services available in Yekaterinburg regarding preparation and shipment of remains:**

### **(1) Maximum Period before Burial:**

There is no maximum period before burial. For practical reasons, however, none of the Russian morgues are likely to keep remains for longer than one month without special arrangements. After the deadline, the remains are buried at the state's expense. As a rule, only major cities in the Yekaterinburg consular district have mortuary facilities.

### **(2) Embalming:**

There are no requirements for embalming if the remains will be buried locally. Embalming facilities exist in large cities in the consular district. It should be pointed out that preparation and air shipment of remains are carried out in accordance with the laws and facilities available in Russia, and, in most cases, the services fall short of those expected in the United States. It is always recommended that the hometown funeral director be requested to determine the advisability of viewing the remains.

### **(3) Cremation:**

Cremation is permitted by national law with the consent of the decedent's relatives. There is only one crematorium in Yekaterinburg.

### **(4) Caskets and Containers:**

When remains are transported out of the country, the body should be appropriately prepared or cremated for shipment. It is then placed in a zinc coffin, or urn in case of cremation, which is then placed in a suitable transportation box.

### **(5) Exportation of Human Remains:**

Remains: To export remains, the following documents are required by the Russian authorities:

- Official Death Certificate issued by the Russian Vital Records Office, acronym ZAGS;
- Certificate of Encasement (certifying that container is sealed and contains no extraneous objects);
- Medical Certificate from Forensic Bureau certifying absence of contagious diseases;
- Documents issued by the U.S. Consulate General in Yekaterinburg:
  - Consular Mortuary Certificate;
  - Affidavit of Mortician on Encasement;
  - Consular Report of Death Abroad (DS-2060).

### **(6) Exportation of Human Remains/Ashes:**

Ashes: To export cremated remains, the following documents are required by Russian authorities:

- Official Death Certificate issued by ZAGS;
- Certificate of Cremation;
- Certificate of Encasement (certifying that the container is sealed and contains no extraneous objects).

## **(7) Costs:**

Fees will vary significantly depending upon the services chosen. The prices below are in the state of gradual change due to the inflation and local currency rate. All dollar costs have been converted from the cost in local currency at the rate of exchange of 31.50 rubles to one dollar, average on April 29, 2013.

- Preparation and air shipment of the remains to the U.S.: approximately 5,400 - 9,500 USD.
- Cremation and air shipment to the U.S. of the urn containing the ashes: approximately 2,400 - 4500 USD.
- Preparation and burial of the remains in Yekaterinburg: approximately 2,000 - 5,000 USD.
- Cremation and disposition of the ashes in Yekaterinburg: approximately 1,600 - 5,000 USD

There will be additional fees if the remains need to be transported to Yekaterinburg from another city within the consular district.

## **(8) Exhumation and Shipment:**

There is no time limit for exhumation after burial. In order to exhume a body an application must be made to the Authority of the Cemetery.

## **(9) Local Customs Regarding Funerals, Disposition of Remains, Mourning, Memorial Services**

Funerals typically include a funeral ceremony, a burial in a grave or cremation of the remains, a wake and a periodic memorial service. Local customs depend on religion.

## **(10) Remarks:**

Preferable Funeral Services

Funeral Home provides full services and do not have English speaking staff members. Non-Russian speaking families who choose to use Russian mortuaries may have to hire a Russian speaker to handle arrangements. Certain types of U.S. travel insurance imply the family's reimbursement for the expenses incurred, while full insurance usually allows funeral homes to charge U.S. insurance companies directly.

## Autopsy Requirements

Russian law requires an autopsy if foul play is suspected. Only state pathologists are authorized to perform autopsies. An autopsy may be waived upon request of the next-of-kin if the police do not suspect a criminal cause of death. Russian authorities always require a letter from the Consulate either relaying the relatives' permission for or objection to an autopsy. Objection to an autopsy causes the Russian authorities involved to spend up to three additional days completing the necessary paperwork. The next-of-kin usually must wait two months to receive complete autopsy results. The full autopsy report will be in Russian. In general, it is easier and less expensive to translate the document in the United States rather than attempting to obtain a translation in Yekaterinburg.

## Options for in-country transportation

In most cases, Yekaterinburg-based funeral homes engaged to do necessary logistics prefer to send their own representatives to the local mortuary to expedite the process, as well as to ensure proper embalming and encasement. This may create additional costs.

## Local Law Governing Disposal of Personal Effects

Russian law provides for a six month waiting period before effects can be released to the next of kin. This period is calculated to allow potential heirs (both foreign and local) time to claim their inheritance rights. In the six months' course the deceased's apartment is supposed to remain officially sealed, the local police department keeping the keys. In practice, the Consulate has seldom encountered serious delays in taking custody of the deceased's effects and the full six month waiting time was not observed.