

Information for Muslims

Where can I wash a deceased person in Osnabrück in line with the Muslim Rite prior to funeral?

This is possible on the cemetery Nahner Friedhof. The address runs: Am Nahner Friedhof, 49082 Osnabrück.

Here, a washing room was established in 2017 which is conveniently and directly accessible by a coroner car via the drive on the cemetery fore court without any steps. Such washing room features a washing stand, a long hand shower and a profound washbasin, offering sufficient space to relocate a deceased person from his/her coffin onto the washbasin. For the washing individuals, there is a locker, a washbasin on the floor of the corridor and a public restroom next to the chapel.

What do I have to do in order to be able to use this room?

You must notify such washing to the general cemetery management (Allgemeine Friedhofsverwaltung) of the town of Osnabrück and sign the agreement "Auftrag und Vollmacht" (order and power) for the use of the washing room. You can also use the room in the event the deceased person(s) shall not be buried in Osnabrück. Under the conditions of corona, an approval provided by the lower public health authority shall be required, the cemetery management shall see to this.

The **Allgemeine Friedhofsverwaltung** (general cemetery management) is located in Stadthaus I, 1. floor, room 105, Natruper-Tor-Wall 2, 49076 Osnabrück

Opening hours:

Monday to Friday from 08:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. as well as

Tuesday from 02:00 p.m. - 04:00 p.m. to

Thursday from 02:00 p.m. - 05:30 p.m.

We are also available for you by phone

0541-323-2428 Mr. Reinelt and

0541-323-2360 Mrs. Lange

Washing date, washing also possible on week-ends

You can agree the washing date itself with Ms. Joachimmeyer, phone 0541-323-3259, from Monday to Thursday from 08:00 a.m. - 04:00 p.m. as well as on Fridays from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.. Out of these hours, Mr. Zeitun and Mr. Arslan are in charge of coordinating the use of the washing room such that it can be used even during weekends. Then, notification of such washing to the cemetery management must be caught up on the following business day. Mr. Zeitun and Mr. Arslan are available under the following contact data:

Mr. Abdul-Jalil Zeitun

Ibrahim Alkhalil-Moschee

Goethering 14

Phone: private 188887, mobile: 0171 5228828

and

Muhammed Arslan
Merkez-Moschee
Iburgerstraße 14
Phone: 0176 38422991

How much does the use of the washing room cost?

The fees come to 60.00€ (one-off).

Can I bury someone in Osnabrück in line with the Muslim Rite?

Where the deceased person(s) was/were a resident of the town or the district of Osnabrück, the Muslim burial ground of the cemetery Nahner Friedhof shall be available for you.

The graves and the gravesites have been installed in cooperation with the Muslim parishes of the town of Osnabrück such that the deceased persons are oriented towards Mecca.

Is it possible to bury deceased persons in Osnabrück without a coffin?

Where a funeral without a coffin is desired, this must be notified by the undertaker to the general cemetery management which in turn shall obtain approval from the lower public health authority. Details of procedure are being explained in the information sheet "Funerals in the Muslim burial ground of the town of Osnabrück". By their signature provided on the "Declaration for funerals within the Muslim burial ground in the cemetery of the town of Osnabrück", the family members acknowledge having read such information sheet and that they will comply with it. These documents are also available for you on the homepage of the town of Osnabrück.

How quickly can the funeral take place following death of the deceased?

Pursuant to the Lower Saxony funeral law, deceased persons may be buried 48 hours only following their death. This is to ensure that the deceased person is actually dead. In case of an important reason, the lower public health authority can allow for an exception.

Often, it takes two days for the documents required to be handed over to the general cemetery management. These documents include the death certificate established by the registrar's office as well as the form "[Auftrag und Vollmacht](#)" (order and power), determining the services to be provided by the cemetery management at what date, at which costs and the person taking over such costs.

What types of graves are available?

Are there also graves and gravesites providing for an eternal right of rest?

You shall have at your disposal buried graves of a linear cemetery, buried prolongable graves and children's graves.

By virtue of the Lower Saxony funeral law and the cemetery statutes of the town of Osnabrück, the rest period for a deceased person older than 6 years comes to 20 years. Children up to the age of 6 years have a rest period of 15 years. That means that it must be ensured that the deceased persons shall rest at least as long as their

rest period, there is no eternal right of rest. But prolongable graves and children's graves can always be prolonged.

Graves of a linear cemetery

Graves of a linear cemetery shall always be alienated for the period of rest (20 years) only and **cannot be prolonged**. As all other graves of a linear cemetery in the Osnabrück cemeteries, such graves shall be called up (published in the newspaper and in the cemetery showcase) following expiry of the period of rest and cleared six months later. Later on, this surface may be occupied again.

Prolongable graves

When acquired for the first time, prolongable graves are acquired for a minimum period of 25 years. These can be prolonged at any time for a minimum period of two and a maximum of 99 years. The family shall have the opportunity to keep such a gravesite for as long as the cemetery exists. Prolongable graves can also be acquired for several individuals.

When acquired for the first time, children's graves are alienated for a minimum period of 15 years. As for the rest, these graves, too, are subject to the same rules as prolongable graves.

How much is a funeral including washing of the body in the cemetery Nahner Friedhof?

Costs of a buried grave at a linear cemetery:

Gravesite:	1,520.00€
Funeral costs:	350.00€
Washing room:	60.00€
Aggregate costs:	€ 1,930.00

Costs of a prolongable grave for one deceased person:

Gravesite:	€ 1,850.00
Funeral costs:	€ 440.00
Washing room:	60.00€
Aggregate costs:	€ 2,350.00

Costs of a children's gravesite:

Gravesite:	€ 330.00
Funeral costs:	€ 82.00
Washing room:	60.00€
Aggregate costs:	€ 472.00

Should you wish to use the mortuary chapel, costs will be increased by 142.00€. This mortuary chapel features a sign showing the direction towards Mecca.

Pictures of Jesus and other human beings can be veiled by you during use by means of clothes you can bring with you.