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# Dying to be green? Try "

(Reuters) - Worried you haven't been green in life? Don't let death come in the way -friendly you.

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From coffins made of recycled cardboard to saying no to chemicals that seep into the soil, people are increasingly ways to make their final resting place a more environment

Now cremation, the choice today of a third of Americans: a green make-over.

A standard cremation spews into the air about 400 kilograms of greenhouse gas blamed for global warming -- along with vapor if the deceased had silver tooth fillings.

On top of that each cremation guzzles as much energy, a 500-mile (800 kilometer) car trip.

Enter alkaline hydrolysis, a chemical body-disposal process that uses one-tenth the natural gas of fire-based cremation.

CO2 emissions are cut by almost 90 percent and no metal objects, such as hip or knee replacements, can be recovered.

"The target audience are those people who buy organic produce that buy a hybrid rather than a regular car," said Paul R. Matthews International Corp.

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The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-based company that mak planning the world's first commercial launch of human a home in St Petersburg, Florida.

The technique is not new but has only been used to dis research cadavers at a few institutions.

Its commercial use has been held up partly because of expensive as that of traditional cremation -- and becaus to be changed, especially laws governing what can be c

Overcoming peoples' squeamishness when they hear th 'ick' factor, is also an obstacle.

The Catholic Church in parts of the United States has o respectful way to dispose of human remains".

In alkaline hydrolysis the body is submerged in water in and potassium hydroxide, chemicals used to make soap tissue.

Two hours later all that's left is some bone residue and the drain. The bones can be crushed and returned to th

"This is the first new alternative to come into the (crema Bessel, president of Transition Science, a Toronto-base the process in Canada. It is targeting a commercial laur

"It is very quiet, there is no noticeable odor that comes f concerns of area residents would be much less if (an al installed than if a crematorium was built," Bessel said.

Although Rahill says the public response has been mos alkaline hydrolysis in New York state a couple of years ; and others, and the bill was dropped.

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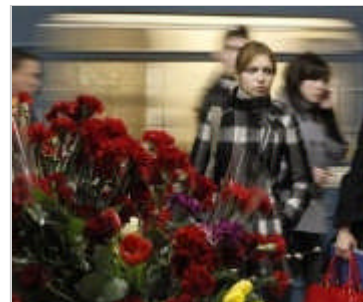
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