

What to Include in a Letter of Last Instruction

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Resources

1. **Letter of Last Instructions.** (MSU Extension MontGuide)
([PDF Version](#)) ([HTML Version-ADA Accessible](#)) ([Order Online](#))
Explains what should be included in a letter of last instructions to assist survivors after the death of the writer.
 - **Letter of Last Instructions Worksheet** (PDF)
A worksheet to fill in the necessary information to help prepare the Letter of Last Instructions that pertains to your situation.
<https://www.montana.edu/estateplanning/documents/letteroflastinstructionsfillinworksheetsheet.pdf>
2. **Montana Body Donation Program: A Potential Component of an Estate Plan.**
(MSU Extension MontGuide) ([PDF Version](#)) ([HTML Version-ADA Accessible](#)) ([Order Online](#))
Some Montanans are motivated to make a body donation by the desire to make a contribution to medical education. Others donate because they want to recognize the value and importance of using bodies for education of present and future health professionals.
3. **Estate Planning Tools for Owners of Pets & Companion Animals or Service Animals.**
(MSU Extension MontGuide) ([PDF Version](#)) ([HTML Version-ADA Accessible](#)) ([Order Online](#))
Outlines legal options for owners who plan to name a caregiver for their companion animals, service animals and/or pets in case of the owner's death or incapacitation.
 - **Information about Companion or Service Animals and/or Pets for Potential Caregivers** (PDF)
<https://www.montana.edu/estateplanning/documents/manaagingyourpetform.pdf>
4. **Who Gets Grandma's Yellow Pie Plate? Transferring Non-Titled Property.** (MSU Extension MontGuide)
([PDF Version](#)) ([HTML Version-ADA Accessible](#)) ([Order Online](#))
Explains how to deal with some of the issues that may arise with the transfer of non-titled property such as photographs, jewelry, books, and other family heirlooms among family members.
5. **Cremation.** (MSU Extension MontGuide)
([PDF Version](#)) ([HTML Version-ADA Accessible](#)) ([Order Online](#))
Explores personal and family concerns, state and federal regulations, and costs of cremation in Montana.

6. **What Are Your Rights Over Your Remains?** (MSU Extension MontGuide)

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The Montana Right of Disposition Act allows a person to provide instructions for disposing of his or her remains or to designate an agent with authority to make such decisions that have priority over the wishes of survivors.

- **Affidavit for Granting Authority to Another Person to Make Decisions about Disposition of Remains** (PDF)

<https://www.montana.edu/estateplanning/sampleaffidavit.pdf>

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