



**ARIZONA STATE
LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS**
A DIVISION OF THE ARIZONA SECRETARY OF STATE



**General Records Retention Schedule Issued to:
All State and Local Agencies
Cemetery Records**

**Schedule Number:
GS-1033 Rev. 1**

- Authority:** Pursuant to ARS 41-151.12(3), only the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records has the authority to set retention periods, including the sole authority to modify, extend or decrease records retention periods. The retention periods listed herein are the required time records must be retained. Records should be promptly and orderly disposed of at the end of their retention period. Keeping records longer than the retention period poses financial, legal, audit and investigative risks to the Agency. These risks need to be considered by State and Local Agencies when there is a compelling need to retain records for a longer period of time than the approved retention period. Records required for ongoing or foreseeable official proceedings such as audits, investigations or lawsuits, must be retained until released from such official proceedings, notwithstanding the instructions of this schedule.
- Archival Value:** Records designated as Permanent on the retention schedule must not be destroyed (ARS 39-101). If it is believed that special circumstances warrant other records to be retained permanently, contact the Arizona State Archives for assistance in determining historical or archival value. All records created prior to 1912 must be retained permanently. This retention schedule does not authorize the transfer of records to any repository other than the Arizona State Archives (ARS 41-151.09).
- Disposition:** This schedule is used in conjunction with the Certificate of Records Destruction. All records disposed under this schedule must be reported on the Certificate of Records Destruction, unless transferred to the Arizona State Archives.
- Format:** Retention periods listed on this schedule apply to all records regardless of physical form or characteristics. Records, regardless of format (including electronic, paper, microfilm, etc.) not listed in this schedule or on the approved General Retention Schedule, are not authorized to be destroyed.
- Copies:** Additional copies created for convenience or reference purposes should not be retained longer than the record copy listed in this schedule. Copies do not need to be reported on the Certificate of Records Destruction when they are disposed.
- Supersedence:** **This schedule supersedes Schedule Number GS 1033, dated December 24, 2015.**

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Record Series Number	Record Series Title	Retention Period	Retention Remark	Legal Citation(s)	Approval Date
10473	Burial Records This record series includes indigent burials., Includes certificates of right of interment, interment information records, burial permits, easement certificates, proof of military service and obituaries.	Permanent	Retain per Arizona Standards for Permanent Records or transfer to State Archives when administrative value has been served.	ARS 11-251(27)	12/29/2015
10474	Cemetery Regulations and Procedures Includes regulations regarding flowers, headstones, landscaping and gate closure hours.		After superseded or obsolete.		12/29/2015
10475	Government Marker Requests	6 Months	After marker received or request denied.		12/29/2015
10476	Indexes/Listings of Interments and Reserved Plots	Permanent	Retain per Arizona Standards for Permanent Records or transfer to State Archives when administrative value has been served.		12/29/2015
10477	Maps and Block Records	Permanent	Retain per Arizona Standards for Permanent Records or transfer to State Archives when administrative value has been served.		12/29/2015

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10478	Release of Liability Records For persons present at lowering.	5 Years	After date of burial.		12/29/2015