



Hi! Thank you for purchasing the Only True In-Ground Niche on the market! On behalf of The Garden Niche, we are all sorry for your loss and hope our product will help you safe-keep and memorialize our loved ones in the safety of your own home.

It will allow you to keep our loved ones close to you, a little reminder of all the good times and memories that you all created.

The Way to Honor Our Loves Ones!!

With your new In-Ground Niche, you, along with your family and loved ones, will have the unique opportunity of celebrating in the intimacy and safety of your home.

### Installation instructions

#### 1.- Choose and assess the placement spot.

First, we recommend you have the area where you will install the niche checked for underground water pipes, electricity cables, gas lines, sewer lines, or drainpipes, or any other utilities features that could be damaged during the installation of the In-Ground Niche. If you don't have any of this information with you, contact your local 811. **"Call Before You Dig"**. You should also keep in mind that they may be roots and rock to work around, as high water flow areas.

#### 2.- Install the Anchoring Rods

Required tools and materials:

- Anchoring rods
- In-Ground Niche Boddy

Screw the anchoring rods into the thread inserts at the bottom of the Niche.

#### 3.- Mark your Digging Spot

Required tools:

- Inverted Marking Spray Paint or similar product.
- Niche body with the anchoring rods installed.

Once you locate where you will install your In-Ground Niche, and made sure there are no underground utilities features at that spot, place the In-Ground Niche on the ground and mark a circumference around the niche leaving an extra 2 to 3 inches all-around the niche, as it is shown in the video

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#### 4.- Dig the Hole

Required tools:

- Shovel
- Post pole digger tool and /or auger.
- Gloves
- Measuring Tape

We're now ready to start digging. Take the shovel and dig ***“25 inches deep into the ground for a Large Double Deep In-Ground Niche; 13 inches deep into the ground for a Large Single Deep In-Ground Niche, or 8 inches deep into the ground for a Small Single Deep In-Ground Niche”***. With the help of your post-hole digger, take out all the excessive dirt and mold the hole into a cylindrical shape.

**Recommendations:** Wear gloves at all times. Keep a wheelbarrow or similar container to put the dug-up dirt. To keep the area's sod alive and ready to be transplanted to another spot, you will need the help from an assistant to hold and pull the surface while you dig throughout the outline we marked, as it is shown in the video

#### 5.- Prep the hole and set the niche.

Required Tools and Materials:

- Quick drying concrete like QUIKRETE® Crack Resistant Concrete Mix or similar product
- Sand for leveling like QUIKRETE® All-Purpose Sand or similar product
- Water
- Wood, plastic, metal, or similar material sturdy rod
- Level
- Heavy duty knife or scissors
- Small bucket, medium size jug, and small plastic cup
- Drying cloths

5.1 – **First** - Pour into the hole enough sand to raise the bottom of the hole level about 1 inch. Use your hands or level to spread the sand evenly. Using the niche, pound the sand to compact it as shown in the video.

5.2 - Use the level to make sure the bottom of the hole is leveled. Move the sand as needed.

5.3 - Place your In-Ground Niche centered in the hole.

5.4 - Use the level to make sure the niche is leveled as shown in the video.

5.5 - Pour the powder concrete mix evenly around the niche in the hole to cover 2" above the anchoring rods.

5.6 - **Now** - Fill the entire space around the niche with water.

5.7 - Fill the niche with water to weight it down and prevent shifting and floating.

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5.8 – **And** - Gently stir and mix the concrete and water with the rod, making sure the niche is not shifted out of place.

5.9 - Use the level to make sure the niche is still leveled.

5.10 - Let the concrete set for 5 hours.

5.11 - Once the concrete is set, fill the entire space around the niche with the same dirt that you dug-out.

5.12 - Using a compacting tool or stomping with your feet, compact the dirt as much possible. Keep pouring dirt until you reach ground level.

5.13 - Drain the niche using the small bucket, medium size jug, and small plastic cup.

5.14 – **Lastly** - Dry put the interior of the niche with the drying cloths.

**Recommendations:** To keep powder concrete and dirt from getting into the niche, you can cover it as it is shown in the video.

## 6. - Place the Urns

You can now place your urns inside the In-Ground Niche. In the case of the Large Double Deep model, you can start by placing the urns in the bottom chamber and then placing the chamber divider on the lip between the bottom and upper chambers. Once the divider is installed, you can place more urns in the upper chamber.

## 7. - Place the Granite Lid

Now is time to cover your In-Ground Niche. For the Large In-Ground models, the granite lid weights about 70 pounds, at least two persons need to lift the lid and place it on top of the niche. The Small In-Ground model's lid weight about 32 pounds, make sure you safely lift it and place it on top of the niche.

## 8.- Place the safety rosettes for the Premium Packages

Required Tools and materials:

- 1/4-inch socket screwdriver handle
- Security bronze rosettes (2)
- Tamper proof screws (2)
- Tamper proof bit

Once the lid is properly placed on the upper part of the niche, make sure the side holes of the lids are aligned with the thread inserts embedded in the side of the above ground section of the niche. Insert the tamper proof screws through the bronze rosettes and screw them into the thread inserts. Tighten as much with your hands and finish with the security bit and socket screwdriver handle. If one of the sides is completely tight, but the rosette is still loose, slide the lid to that side until there is no space between the lid and the rosette, and tighten the other side's screw.

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We all at The Garden Niche hope that this opportunity to honor our loved ones.

Visiting our website [TheGardenNiche.com](http://TheGardenNiche.com) to learn more and share your experience. Here you will find other meaningful stories of loving families honoring their loved ones.

**“What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us”**

### Instructions Summary

1. Assess the placement spot
2. Install the anchoring rods
3. Mark the digging area
4. Dig the hole to the required depth
5. Level the bottom of the hole and place the niche in it
6. Pour the concrete powder around the niche
7. Fill with water around the niche and the niche
8. Gently stir and mix the concrete and water
9. Make sure the niche is leveled
10. Let the concrete set
11. Backfill with dirt around the niche and compact.
12. Drain and dry the niche
13. Place the urns inside your In-Ground Niche
14. Place the Granite Lid on the niche
15. Install the security rosettes

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