How long to retain funeral home documents?

1. Funeral Service Documents

- a. Copies of Death Certificates 3 years
- b. Price Lists 1 year after date of last distribution to customer
- c. Statement of Funeral Goods and Services
 Selected 2 years from date of arrangement conference

2. OSHA Documents

- a. Formaldehyde Monitoring Records- 30 years
- b. Employee OSHA Training Records- 3 years
- c. Employee Medical Records 30 years (after last date of employment)

3. Personnel Records

- a. Wage and Hour Logs 3 years
- b. Personnel Decision (Hire/Fire) 2 years
- c. Payroll Records 6 Years

4. Accounting Documents

- a. Bank Statements/Deposit Slips 6 years
- b. Checks 6 years
- c. Expense Reports 4 years (after date tax return is filed)
- d. Monthly Trial Balances 3 years
- e. Vouchers for Payment to Vendors, Employees, etc, - 3 years
- f. Subsidiary Ledger Including Payables and Receivables 6 years
- g. Audit Reports and Financial Statements Permanent
- h. General Ledgers and Journals Permanent
- i. Tax Returns Permanent

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5. Insurance Documents

- a. Accident Report
 - 6 years
- b. Fire InspectionReport 6 years
- c. Group DisabilityRecords 6 years
- d. Safety Report 6 years
- e. Claims (after settlement) 3 years
- f. Expired Policies 3 years

6. Corporate Records

- a. Bylaws, Charter and Minute Books -Permanent
- b. Capital Stock and Bond Records -Permanent
- c. Checks Regarding Taxes, Property and Fulfillment of Major Contracts Permanent
- d. Contracts and Agreements Permanent
- e. Copyright and Trademark Registrations Permanent
- f. Deeds and Easements Permanent
- g. Retirement /Pension Records Permanent
- h. Tax Returns, Supporting Documents Permanent
- i. Expired Mortgages, Notes 6 years
- j. Patents Permanent

7. Correspondence

- a. License, Traffic and Purchase 1 year
- b. General 3 years
- c. Legal and Tax 6 years

8. Other Records

- a. Shipping and Receiving 1 year
- b. Purchasing and Sales 7 years