

2026 HOLIDAYS AND EMERGENCY FILING

The Office of Vital Records is closed on weekends and all County holidays. Emergency filing is available on weekends and minor holidays to obtain permits for disposition of human remains. Emergency filing is to be used only when the disposition will take place after 4:00 p.m. on the last business day before a weekend or holiday and before 7:30 a.m. on the first business day following a weekend or holiday.

If a permit is needed for a disposition on a weekend or minor holiday, you may contact Orange County Communications between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. at (714) 628-7000 to contact the registrar on call. The registrar is required to stop taking calls at 1:00 p.m., therefore, it is important that you contact Communications prior to 12:30 p.m. for your service needs. The registrar will return your call and obtain the pertinent information to complete your request.

Emergency filing is available on the following minor holidays:

January 19, 2026	Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday
February 12, 2026	Lincoln's Birthday
February 16, 2026	Presidents Day
September 25, 2026	Native American Day
November 11, 2026	Veterans Day Holiday
November 27, 2026	Day after Thanksgiving

No Emergency filing available on the following major holidays:

January 1, 2026	New Year's Day
May 25, 2026	Memorial Day
July 3, 2026	Independence Day
September 7, 2026	Labor Day
November 26, 2026	Thanksgiving Day
December 25, 2026	Christmas Day
January 1, 2027	New Year's Day

If you have questions, contact us at (714) 480-6700 or by email at DeathRegistration@ochca.com

Thank you,

The Office of Vital Records



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