

Boston public radio's [WBUR](#) has written the best piece on the emotional and practical realities of do it yourself home funeral care we've seen. You can also watch video of one young couple talk about caring for their infant daughter at home after death. Hats off to Rachel Zimmerman, the editor, and to the home funeral guides and families who took part!

Death remains a topic that many of us would rather avoid. And when it comes to the actual nuts and bolts of caring for the dead, most of us tend to think it's best — and furthermore, required by law — to let professional funeral arrangers handle the arrangements.

Well, it turns out that in most states it's perfectly legal to care for your own dead. And, with new momentum to shatter longstanding taboos and stop tip-toeing around death — from "death with dignity" measures sweeping the country to projects promoting kitchen table "conversations" about our deepest end-of-life wishes — a re-energized DIY death movement is emerging.

[Find the whole story here](#) .