

Pre-Divorce Document Checklist

Before you begin your divorce filing, you may want to review the following checklist. Highlight the areas that apply to you, and make sure you have that information available. Better yet, attach the list to a folder of your divorce documents, and check items off as you add them to the folder. You may need other documents or information, depending on your situation.

































01 Personal Identification

-  Driver's License
-  Passport
-  Social Security Card










02 Marriage Documentation

-  Marriage Certificate
-  Prenuptial or Postnuptial Agreements

03 Financial Documents

-  Recent tax returns (last 3-5 years)
-  Pay stubs and employment records
-  Documentation of bonuses, tips, and employment perks
-  Bank statements (checking, savings, CDs)
-  Investment account statements (stocks, bonds, mutual funds)
-  Retirement account statements (401(k), IRA, pension plans)
-  Your spouse's W-2s or other paycheck information
-  Child care savings account
-  Your monthly budget for living expenses moving forward
-  Health savings accounts (HSAs/ FSAs) statements
-  Credit card statements
-  Credit reports
-  Loan documents (mortgage, home equity loans, auto, personal loans, student loans)
-  Property tax statements
-  Utility bills
-  Cell phone and internet bills
-  Rent or mortgage payment costs
-  Documentation of extraordinary medical expenses
-  Documentation of any other sources of income (rental income, dividends, etc.)







04 Property And Asset Documentation

-  Deeds for any real estate
-  The cost basis of home
-  Appraisals for any real estate
-  Inventory of safe deposit boxes
-  Vehicle registrations and titles
-  List of valuable items (collectibles, etc.) with appraisals or estimated value
-  List of memberships, subscriptions, frequent flyer miles, loyalty programs, ebook/video library
-  List of household items and estimated value
-  List of intellectual property such as copyrights









05 Inheritance-Related Documents

-  Trust Documents









06 Insurance Policies

-  Health/dental/vision insurance
-  Annuity statements
-  Insurance for vehicles like boats, ATVs, etc.
-  Life insurance
-  Auto insurance
-  Homeowners/renter's insurance





07 Business Documents

-  Business tax returns
-  Business registrations
-  Financial statements or profit and loss (P&L) statements
-  Receipts and expense records
-  Payroll information
-  Patents and trademarks
-  Bank statements
-  Loan documents



08 Child-Related Documents (If Applicable)

-  Birth certificates of children
-  Medical records if special needs/extraordinary expenses
-  Medical expense records
-  Tuition
-  School records if special needs
-  Child care expense records
-  Child activity expenses (sports, music, dance, tutoring, clubs, etc.)
-  Children's bank accounts or college saving plans statements

09 Legal Documents Related To Previous Legal Actions

-  Any previous legal separation for this marriage
-  Any restraining orders or orders of protection for this marriage
-  Prior child custody or child support orders for this marriage
-  Child support orders from other relationships

10 Miscellaneous

-  Any other contracts or agreements between you and your spouse
-  Any documentation that might be relevant to marital issues (e.g., evidence of infidelity, gambling, etc.)