

LISTS & PAPERWORK TO GET READY BEFORE A DIVORCE

LIST IMPORTANT DATES

- The date you met and the date you married
- Kids' birthdays
- Dates you started and stopped jobs or received promotions
- Dates graduated, earned degrees or stopped school
- Arrest dates

MONEY AND BILLS

Note the amount and save receipts for all the money you spend on:

- Taxes _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Medicare _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Union dues _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Retirement payments _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Insurance payments _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Child support _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Alimony _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Rent _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Power / water / gas _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Phone _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Food _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Car / bus / gas _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Hair / nails _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Clothes _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Laundry _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Entertainment _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Medical / dental _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Tithing / charity _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Daycare _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Kids' clothes _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Kids' haircuts _____ (amount) _____ (date)

- Kids' medical _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Kids' dental _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Kids' medicines (prescription/over the counter) _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Kids' activities (including sports fees) _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Payments on loans _____ (amount) _____ (date)
- Payments on credit cards _____ (amount) _____ (date)

YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY YOU MAKE IN A MONTH

- Save all of your paystubs
- Keep records of all of your money coming in (notes about pay if you don't get a pay stub), disability payment records, workers' comp, pension, SSI, SSDI, alimony

KEEP A COPY OF ALL OF YOUR TAX RECORDS

- Tax returns for the last three years
- W-2 and 1099 forms

LIST THE THINGS YOU OWN

- Bank accounts (bank names, account numbers and balances) _____
- Cash _____
- Property _____
- Cars, other automobiles _____
- Retirement plans (401K, IRA) _____

LIST THE MONEY YOU OWE

- Mortgage(s) _____
- Car loans _____
- Credit cards _____
- Child support _____
- Alimony _____
- Other loans (student loans, furniture) _____

MEDICAL RECORDS

- Your medical records
- Kids' medical records
- Doctors/counselors' names and contact information
- Lists of medications, therapy appointments
- Hospitals where received treatment

PERSONAL DOCUMENTS

- Marriage license
- Records relating to previous marriages/divorces
- Kids' social security cards
- Kids' birth certificates
- Police reports

PEOPLE WHO KNOW ABOUT IMPORTANT THINGS

- Make a list of people who may be important witnesses
- Include people who heard or saw firsthand things that may be in dispute (not agreed about)

SOCIAL MEDIA

- Think about everything you put on social media from this moment on
- Judges and lawyers can view your social media and use it if it is relevant
- Do not put anything on social media that you do not want a judge to see

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER

If spouse was unfaithful and wasted money on the affair proof of the money spent outside of the marriage and other proof of the relationship may be helpful.

It is a felony in Florida to record somebody without permission. Feel free to save voice messages or texts (people know they are being recorded when leaving messages).