

## Instructions: Missouri Uncontested Divorce Checklist and Worksheet

On the next few pages, you will find two tools to help you and your spouse talk about the financial and practical aspects of divorce.

The first is a checklist. If you and your spouse can check off each box on the list, you are in great shape to obtain an uncontested divorce. That means that you have settled your divorce before it is filed, and you can ask the judge to sign the divorce decree and approve your marital settlement agreement after the minimum 30 days has passed. This is typically the fastest, least stressful, and most affordable way to get divorced.

The second is a worksheet. This is designed to help you and your spouse think through in more detail all of the topics in the checklist. Too often, spouses think they have reached a quick agreement, only to be frustrated later when things fall apart because something important was missed.

The spaces provided give you a place to organize your ideas, make notes about property and what you can agree on. It is important to understand that this worksheet is not a legal agreement. It is just a tool to facilitate a productive conversation. You cannot take it to court.

As you work through the list, keep in mind that even if you are not able to reach an agreement, talking about all of these items will help you identify where you are stuck and where you agree, which brings you one step closer to the resolution of your marriage. If something seems problematic, work on other items and come back to it. If you cannot resolve all of the issues, reach out to a family lawyer or mediator for help.

Some of the questions involve legal terms that may not be clear. Our website has a lot of useful information to help you decipher anything that is not familiar. If you have lots of questions as you work through this, that is a good sign you could use the help of a professional attorney or family mediator.

## Uncontested Divorce Checklist and Worksheet

- We have reached an agreement on how to divide all of our household property (like furniture or kitchen items).
- We have reached an agreement on how to divide all of our personal property (like clothes, jewelry and collectibles) and have already divided it or have a plan to do so.
- We have reached an agreement on any real estate purchased during our marriage such as deciding to sell it or deciding who receives it.
- We have reached an agreement on who keeps any vehicles purchased during our marriage.
- We have reached an agreement regarding any retirement plans we have.
- We have agreed on whether either spouse will receive alimony.
- We have agreed on how to divide or allocate any debt accumulated during our marriage.
- We have agreed who will make major decisions regarding the children (one parent or joint).
- We have agreed who will have custody of the children (one parent or joint).
- We have agreed on a custody/visitation schedule for our children including summer and vacation schedules.
- We have agreed which parent's address will be designated as the address to use for schools and other mailing purposes.
- We have agreed who is going to pay child support, if any, whether to use the Missouri presumed amount or some other reasonable number, and how it will be paid.
- We have agreed on how to allocate or share medical, dental, vision, extra-curricular and/or daycare costs for the children.

This worksheet is for informational purposes only and is not intended to be, nor is it, legal advice. Please consult with a lawyer for assistance with your unique case and circumstances. The choice of a lawyer is an important one, and should not be based solely on advertisements.

Instructions: List your marital property below, and note next to each item who should receive each item or in what percentage.

**Vehicles: Cars, Motorcycles, RVs, ATVs, Trailers and Boats**


**Real Property**


**Retirement Plans & Pensions**


**Household & Personal Property**

**Furniture**


**Kitchen Items and Appliances**


Jewelry


Collectables and Miscellaneous Property


Sports Equipment, Camping Gear, Recreational Accessories


TVs & Electronics


Financial and Other Property (Life insurance, stocks, bonds, bank accounts, savings, etc.)


## Marital Debts

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## Alimony

Does either spouse require maintenance (alimony)?  Yes  No

\_\_\_\_\_ shall pay \$ \_\_\_\_\_ monthly for spousal maintenance.

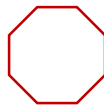
How long will maintenance be paid?  Indefinite  Specific term of \_\_\_\_\_ years.

Will this terminate on a specific change of events? \_\_\_\_\_.

Will the maintenance be modifiable?  Yes  No

*Example: Husband shall pay wife the amount of \$300 per month until she dies or remarries.*

*Example: Wife shall pay husband the amount of \$300 per month for 5 years and the award shall not be modifiable.*



If you have no minor children, stop here.

## Child Custody

### Legal Custody

Will the parents share joint legal custody (major decision making) of the children?  Yes  No.  
 If not, why not: \_\_\_\_\_ .

### Physical Custody

Will the parents share joint physical custody (parenting time) of the children?  Yes  No.  
 If not, why not: \_\_\_\_\_ .

### Residential Parent Designation

Which parent should be designated as the "Residential Parent" for school purposes? (This person has no special powers, this simply determines the address your children will use for school districts and forms). \_\_\_\_\_

### Physical Custody Schedule

Using the charts below, please describe your parenting time schedule.

Week	Day of Week	Exchanges for Day
One	Sunday	Father has children
	Monday	Mother picks up children from school (or at 8 am if no school).
	Tuesday	Mother has children
	Wednesday	Father picks up children from school (or at 5pm if no school).
	Thursday	Mother picks up children from school (or at 5pm if no school).
	Friday	Mother has children
	Saturday	Mother has children
Two	Sunday	Mother has children
	Monday	Mother has children
	Tuesday	Mother has children
	Wednesday	Father picks up children from school (or at 5pm if no school).
	Thursday	Mother picks up children from school (or at 5pm if no school).
	Friday	Father picks up children from school (or at 5pm if no school).
	Saturday	Father has children

## Weekday and Weekend Exchange Schedule

	Day of Week	Exchanges for Day
Week One	Sunday	
	Monday	
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
	Friday	
	Saturday	
Week Two	Sunday	
	Monday	
	Tuesday	
	Wednesday	
	Thursday	
	Friday	
	Saturday	

## Holiday Exchange Schedule

Holiday	Even Numbered Years	Odd Numbered Years	Physical Custody	
			From	To
	<i>FATHER or MOTHER</i>	<i>FATHER or MOTHER</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Time</i>
New Year's Eve				
New Year's Day				
MLK Day				
President's Day				
Memorial Day				
Independence Day				
Labor Day				
Thanksgiving				
Christmas Eve				
Christmas Day				
Easter				
Other Holidays (Specify)				
Special Occasions (Specify)				
Halloween				
Mother's Day				
Father's Day				
Mother's Birthday				
Father's Birthday				
Child's Birthday				

Special summer and winter break schedule:



## Child Support & Other Costs

The Form 14 calculated amount of child support is \$\_\_\_\_\_ per month, which is appropriate.

OR

The Form 14 amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is not just or appropriate.

\_\_\_\_\_ Will pay \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per \_\_\_\_\_ for child support.

Payments will be made:

Through the Family Support Division (wage withholding)

OR

By direct payments via \_\_\_\_\_.

Will either parent be required to provide health insurance for the children? If so, list:

Who pays: \_\_\_\_\_ and the monthly cost: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

*Was this included on form 14?*

Will either parent be required to provide dental insurance for the children? If so, list:

Who pays: \_\_\_\_\_ and the monthly cost: \$\_\_\_\_\_.

*Was this included on form 14?*

How will uncovered medical or dental costs for the children be divided?

How should work-related childcare expenses to be shared?

How should extracurricular costs for the children be shared?

Is each parent expected to buy clothes for the children or will you share clothing expenses?

Are there any other child-related costs you would like to include (college tuition, cell phone bills etc)?: