




# DIVORCE WORKSHEET

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## Checklist: Ask Yourself

Ideally, before you start gathering too many outside opinions, you need to ask yourself some of the more serious questions. The previous worksheet, “My Priorities,” gave you the big picture view, now narrow your focus with the questions below.

Please do not feel like you need to answer every question in detail without help. That is not the point of this worksheet. Simply read through each one and make notes of any desires, thoughts and/or concerns as you have them. Doing this should help you better navigate the next conversation you have with your counselor, planner, mediator, lawyer, or spouse.

- Will one of you be remaining in the home?
  - Who will pay the primary home mortgage during the divorce and after? (and other regular expenses such as gas, electricity, and home repairs)
  
- How will you share the money in your joint bank accounts?
  - Will you be keeping the joint accounts open during the divorce?
  
- How will you share assets such as stocks and bonds? How about the pension(s)?
  
- Who keeps the family home/car/boat/washing machine, etc.? How will you split big- ticket items?
  
- How will you handle your current debts?
  
- Who will be responsible for the debts either of you incur while you're separated? (or during the divorce process)



- How will you file taxes moving forward until the divorce is final? (Consult your CPA)
  - Are there taxes due, or other problems pertaining to joint tax returns that will surface after the divorce that will have to be addressed in the division of property and liabilities?
  
- Do you expect that one of you will be paying spousal support to the other? (Consult with mediator/lawyer)
  
- Do you expect that one of you will be paying child support to the other? (Consult with mediator/lawyer)
  
- How will you share responsibility for the care and raising of your children: joint, sole, or shared custody?
  
- Are there college costs for children or for one of you? How will these be dealt with?
  
- Who will pay for legal fees? Will each of you be responsible for retaining and paying your own lawyer(s) and/or mediator(s)?