

Checklist of topics that are covered in most divorce agreements

Parental Rights and Responsibilities

Legal – major matters such as education, religion, medical, travel
Physical – daily physical care and control, residence of children, p/c contact
Vacation and Holiday Schedule
Grandparents time
Planning for changes in schedule (how done)
Moving out of state
Special details:
 Transportation, meeting places, restrictions (alcohol, drugs) medical forms, edu.,
 and health info, telephone contact, change of plans, etc.
Process for deciding changes in parenting arrangements
Process for decision-making and conflict resolution

Child Support

Health and Dental Insurance
Life Insurance
Post High School Education
Other child related expenses – how shared
Wills

Spousal Support (alimony)

Amount, duration, allocation

Division of Property

Please note: In the state of Vermont, the court considers all assets (whether owned singly or jointly) to be assets of the marital estate. For the purposes of this list, please include any property that you may own singly, as well as all jointly owned property. Equitable division of property does not necessarily mean a “50-50” split.

How property division relates to Spousal Support

Real Estate

 Residence

 Other property

 Who is liable for payments, entitled to security deposits, entitled to

 Possession

 Maintenance, repair, insurance, taxes, - how much, who responsible

 Tax liability for capital gains

 Liability for existing and future mortgages, liens, etc

 Method of conveying real estate

Bank Accounts and Investments

Checking and Savings
Money Markets, CD's, Treasury bills
Who declares Interests
Securities, corporate holdings
Partnerships, joint ventures, business entities
Joint ownership
Value
Tax liabilities

Misc. Personal Property

Pensions
Household Furnishings, tool, yard stuff
Antiques, art , jewelry
Club memberships
Trusts
Vehicles, boats, payments and loans
Royalties, copyrights

Debts

Schedule of creditors and balance due
Who will assume, when
Liability for debts omitted from schedule
Current and post income taxes, assessments, penalties
Indemnification and hold harmless in connection of debts to be paid by other
Spouse

Taxes

Consequences of property transfers
File joint returns? How to allocate the benefit or taxes owed
Who will claim the children?

Other

Relief from Abuse
Bankruptcy
Spouse in Military
Temporary Court Orders
Mediation Clause
Resume Maiden Name