

How to Respond to a Divorce

You were served with divorce papers
 You do **NOT** agree with the items in the Petition
 There are **NO** children of the marriage

Step 1: Determine your response deadline

20 days if you were served in person in the State of Washington
 60 days if you were served outside the State of Washington
 90 days if you were served by mail

Forms may be downloaded for free at www.courts.wa.gov/forms or you may purchase them at the Clerk's Office

Step 2: Fill out this form and make copies

Completed	Form Name	Form #	Notes
	Response to Petition about a Marriage	FL Divorce 211	
	Financial Declaration	FL All Family 131	If requesting spousal maintenance
	Sealed Financial Source Docs	FL All Family 011	If requesting spousal maintenance

Step 3: Copies Needed

Original is to be filed with the Clerk
 1 copy for your records
 1 copy to give to the other party

Step 4: File your original form with the Clerk's Office

Step 5: Provide a copy to other party

You may do so by personal service or mail.

This means that they receive a copy of what you have filed. It does not require them to be personally served by a process server. It can be done by mail at least 10 days before the court date or in person at least 7 days before the court date.

Fill out this form:

Completed	Form Name	Form #	Notes
	Proof of Mailing or Hand Delivery	FL All Family 112	

File Original with the Clerk and make a copy for your records

You have now responded to the Petition

While you are waiting for your trial, if you would like to have temporary orders (such as temporary parenting plan, child support, maintenance, temporary restraining order and or temporary orders regarding the use of property), you may request a hearing.

Step 6: Attend the hearing that was set

Take your copies to court

These instructions are legal information, not legal advice.

All of the above mentioned forms can be found on the Washington State Court website:

www.courts.wa.gov/forms.