

# How to Respond to a Divorce

You were served with divorce papers  
You **DO** agree with the items in the Petition  
There are **No** children of the marriage

Forms may be downloaded for free at [www.courts.wa.gov/forms](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms) or you may purchase them at the Clerk's Office

## 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

## Step 2: Fill out this form

Completed	Form Name	Form #	Notes
	Agreement to Join Petition	FL All Family 119	Indicate whether you do or do not want notice of the hearing date for finalization

## 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 copies 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 for Hand Delivery	FL All Family 112	

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

## **Step 6: Finalize**

**IF** you signed a joinder waiving notice, you do not need to do anything else.

**IF** you signed a joinder WANTING notice but do not want to attend the finalization hearing:  
EITHER - sign the Citation for the court date **OR** sign the Decree of Dissolution and the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law.

You can also attend the finalization hearing and sign the documents at that time.

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](http://www.courts.wa.gov/forms).