

Living Together Agreement Keeping Things Separate

We, _____ and _____ agree as follows:

1. This contract sets forth our rights and obligations toward each other, which we intend to abide by in a spirit of joy, cooperation, and good faith.
2. We agree that all property owned by either one of us as of the date of this agreement shall remain separate property and cannot be transferred to the other unless done by writing. We have attached a list of our major items of separate property.
3. The income of each person, as well as any accumulations of property from that income, belongs absolutely to the person who earns the money.
4. We shall keep our own bank accounts, credit accounts, etc., and neither is in any way responsible for the debts of the other.
5. Living expenses, which include groceries, utilities, rent, and day-to-day expenses, shall be equally divided.
6. We may from time to time decide to keep a joint checking or savings account for some specific purpose, or to own some property jointly. Any joint ownership shall be reflected in writing or shall be reflected on the ownership document of the property. If we fail to otherwise provide in writing for the disposition of our jointly owned property, should we separate, we agree to divide the jointly held property equally. Such agreements aren't to be interpreted as creating an implication that other property is jointly owned.
7. Should either of us receive real or personal property by gift or inheritance, the property belongs absolutely to the person receiving the gift or inheritance and cannot be transferred to the other except by writing.
8. We agree that neither of us shall have any rights to, or financial interest in, any separate real property of the other, whether obtained before or after the date of this contract, unless that right or interest is in writing.
9. Either one of us may terminate this contract by giving the other a one-week written notice. In the event either of us is seriously considering leaving or ending the relationship, that person shall take at least a three-day vacation from the relationship. We also agree to at least one counseling session if either one of us requests it.
10. In the event we separate, all jointly-owned property shall be divided equally, and neither of us shall have any claim for support or for any other money or property from the other.

11. We agree that any dispute arising out of this contract shall be arbitrated under the terms of this Clause. If we both choose, we shall first try to resolve the dispute with the help of mutually agreeable mediator(s). Otherwise, either one of us may:
- (a) Initiate arbitration by making a written demand for arbitration, defining the dispute and naming one arbitrator;
 - (b) Within five days from receipt of this notice, the other shall name the second arbitrator;
 - (c) The two named arbitrators shall within ten days name a third arbitrator;
 - (d) Within seven days an arbitration meeting will be held. Each of us may have counsel if we choose, and may present evidence and witnesses pertinent;
 - (e) The arbitrators shall make their decision within five days after the hearing. Their decision shall be in writing and shall be binding upon us;
 - (f) If the person to whom the demand for arbitration is directed fails to respond within five days, the other must give an additional five days' written notice of her intent to proceed. If there's no response, the person initiating the arbitration may proceed with the arbitration before the arbitrator she has designated, and her award shall have the same force as if it had been settled by all three arbitrators.
12. This agreement represents our complete understanding regarding our living together and replaces any and all prior agreements, written or oral. It can be amended, but only in writing, and must be signed by both of us.
13. We agree that if the court finds any portion of this contract to be illegal or otherwise unenforceable, that the remainder of the contract is still in full force and effect.

Signed this [day] of [month], [year], at [city, county], [state].

Signature

Signature

Living Together Agreement of _____ & _____

Exhibit A

Separate personal property of _____

Living Together Agreement of _____ & _____

Exhibit B

Separate personal property of _____

Living Together Agreement of _____ & _____

Exhibit C

Jointly-owned property: