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# How to Complete Your Washington Community Property Agreement

Community Property Agreement (RCW 26.16.120)

**INSTRUCTIONS — KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS. DO NOT ATTACH THIS PAGE TO YOUR DOCUMENT.**

**About this form.** A Washington community property agreement lets married couples and state registered domestic partners make all their property community property and pass it to the survivor at the first death, **without probate**.

1. **Both sign before a notary (Page 3)**
   Washington requires the agreement to be executed with the formalities of a deed, so both spouses or partners sign and acknowledge it before a notary. Bring a current, government-issued photo ID for each.
2. **Keep it safe**
   It is usually recorded with the county auditor after the first death, with a certified death certificate.

## After It's Signed

- A community property agreement can override a will and affect estate planning. Talk to an attorney before signing.
- To cancel it, both sign a Revocation of Community Property Agreement. We have a free form.

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# COMMUNITY PROPERTY AGREEMENT

(RCW 26.16.120)

Spouses / domestic partners (last name first, then first name and initials)

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Abbreviated legal description (lot, block, plat, or section, township, range) Full legal on page

Assessor's tax parcel or account number

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This agreement is made between

Spouse or state registered domestic partner Spouse or state registered domestic partner

residing at (address)
who agree as follows under RCW 26.16.120:



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1. **Present and future property.** All property now owned by either or both of us, and all property later acquired by either or both of us, wherever located and however titled, is and shall be our community property.
2. **Vesting at death.** Upon the death of either of us, all of our community property shall vest immediately in the survivor as the survivor's separate property.
3. **Other provisions** (optional):

4. This agreement may be revoked or amended only by a written agreement signed and acknowledged by both of us. Upon the death of either of us, the survivor may record this agreement with a certified copy of the death certificate.

Initials: _____



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Dated

X _____ X _____

Spouse / partner Spouse / partner

Printed name Printed name

**NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**STATE OF WASHINGTON )**
**) ss.**
**COUNTY OF )**

This record was acknowledged before me on

(date) by (name of both spouses or domestic partners)

X _____

Notary Public

(Notary seal)

Notary's printed name

Title (Notary Public, State of Washington) My commission expires



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