

**It is not necessary to bring this information to the initial meeting, but at some time, we will need to calculate the cost of your typical lifestyle. This means you will need make a list of your household's monthly expenses. Here is a checklist to help you.**

- Mortgage or rent
- Home equity payments
- Real estate taxes and assessments
- Homeowner's or renter's insurance
- Utilities including heat/fuel, electricity, telephone, cable services, internet service provider, water and sewer charges
- Refuse removal
- Laundry and dry cleaning charges
- Maid or cleaning service
- Repair or replacement of furniture and appliances
- Repairs and maintenance of your home
- Lawn and garden, snow removal fees
- Food and household supplies
- Liquor, beer, wine

It also is helpful if you can tally your transportation expenses, including:

- Gasoline
- Auto repair and maintenance
- Insurance, licenses, city stickers
- Payments and replacement costs
- Parking
- Alternative transportation that is available

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By estimating your total monthly personal costs, you can help your attorney prepare your case. Please include your best estimates for yourself and for each of your children.

- Clothing
- Grooming
- Medical costs not covered by insurance

Plus miscellaneous costs including:

- Club memberships, social obligations and entertainment, including dining out
- Newspapers, magazines and books
- Gifts
- Donations to your religious organization and other not-for-profit organizations
- Vacations not including children
- Computers, their repairs, supplies and software

Prepared by \_\_\_\_\_ Today's date \_\_\_\_\_