

Household Partnership Agreement

Use this to help you figure out what you would like and expect from each other around the house. Writing things down is more useful than just talking about them, because it's clear what each spouse is communicating.

Also, don't forget you can have your kids do some or a lot of the household chores! Review the section on "Getting Your Kids to Do Jobs".

You will fill out each section with specific jobs depending on your house and how you want to divide things up. The "criteria" section lets everyone know what constitutes a job well done.

Make sure to spend plenty of time on the next page (General) which will help you figure out some very important overall themes when discussing household work.

General (Do these First!)

For household chores, do you prefer to be more flexible, or have more assigned roles?

For each job, determine what constitutes a job done well. Have specific written criteria (especially if kids are involved).

For parenting, do you prefer to be more flexible, or have more assigned roles?

What do you want your relationship with your children to be like, now and long term? How will your parenting help create that?

What do you want your children to be able to do when they leave the house? How will you help that to happen?

How will you determine who will do what job when?

What will happen if one spouse is not following through on their assigned roles? How can you support each other in your household roles?

What will happen if children do not follow through on their assigned roles? What happens when they do follow through (I recommend daily reward and maybe bigger weekly/monthly rewards)

Daily Household Work

Task

Criteria

Responsible party

Weekly Household Work

Task

Criteria

Responsible party

Daily Parenting Work

Task

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Responsible party

Weekly Parenting Work

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