

Suspension and Dismissal

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Stipulation and Order Suspending Proceedings to Effect Reconciliation (FA-4144)

This form is used to suspend (put on hold) the divorce/legal separation action for up to 90 days. Both parties must agree. If a temporary order is in effect, all orders are also suspended. Once the divorce/legal separation is suspended, the following options apply:

- **Reconcile (get back together):** If at any point during the suspension, the parties **agree** to reconcile, they may complete the **Stipulation and Order Dismissing Divorce/Legal Separation** (FA-4143) (see below) to end the divorce/legal separation action.
- **End the suspension and continue with the divorce/legal separation:** Either party may make this request at any time during the suspension. If so, he/she must complete the **Motion and Order to Revoke Suspension of Proceedings to Effect Reconciliation** (FA-4145). All temporary orders previously entered by the court will be reinstated.
- **Do nothing:** If the parties take no action and the 90 days pass, the divorce/legal separation action will proceed and all temporary orders will be reinstated.

Stipulation and Order Dismissing Divorce/Legal Separation (FA-4143)

This form is used when both parties agree to dismiss or end the pending divorce/legal separation action. If the parties dismiss the action and later choose to divorce or legally separate, they must file a new action and pay all the required fees again.

Court Related Offices

Court Self-Help Center
Courthouse, Room C-108
262-548-7524

<http://courtsselfhelp.waukeshacounty.gov>

Child Support Agency
Administration Building,
Room 348
262-548-7420

Clerk of Courts
Family Court Office
Courthouse, Room C-112
262-548-7544

Open: Mon 8:30 am - 12:00 pm
Wed 12 pm - 4 pm
Fri 8:30 am - 4 pm
Tues & Thurs by Appointment only

Open: Mon-Fri 8 am - 4:30 pm

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Waukesha County Courthouse, 515 W. Moreland Blvd, Waukesha, WI 53188

Notary Public Services are available at no charge in the Family Court Office and **Copies** can be made in the Court Self-Help Center for **\$.15** per page

Procedural Checklist

1. Complete the **Stipulation and Order Suspending Proceedings** or the **Stipulation and Order Dismissing Divorce/Legal Separation**.
2. Go to the Court Self-Help Center during regular business (see page 1) or make an appointment to:
 - o Have your form reviewed for completeness
 - o Have three (3) copies made
 - o Purchase and/or prepare two (2) stamped envelopes (one addressed to you and one addressed to your spouse).
3. Mail or deliver the original, copies, and self-addressed stamped envelopes to the court. The judge will review, sign, and have a signed copy returned to you.
4. If you requested a:
 - o **Dismissal:** There is nothing more you need to do. Your divorce/legal separation has been dismissed.
 - o **Suspension:** The 90 day suspension begins the date the judge signs the order. During the 90 day suspension you may:
 - i. **Reconcile** and complete the form to dismiss the divorce (Complete the **Stipulation and Order Dismissing Divorce/Legal Separation** and repeat #'s 1-3 above).
 - ii. **End** the suspension and continue with the divorce/legal separation.
 1. Complete the **Motion and Order to Revoke Suspension of Proceedings to Effect Reconciliation** form. All temporary orders will resume upon signature of the court.
 2. Make three (3) copies of the completed original **Motion and Order to Revoke Suspension of Proceedings to Effect Reconciliation**.
 3. Prepare two (2) self-addressed stamped envelopes (one addressed to you and one addressed to your spouse).
 4. Mail or deliver the original, copies, and self-addressed stamped envelopes to the court. The judge will review, sign, and have a signed copy returned to you.
 - iii. **Do nothing**, and after the 90 days proceed with the action on the date provided to you by the court (refer back to your **Basic Guide to Divorce/Legal Separation** for how to proceed).