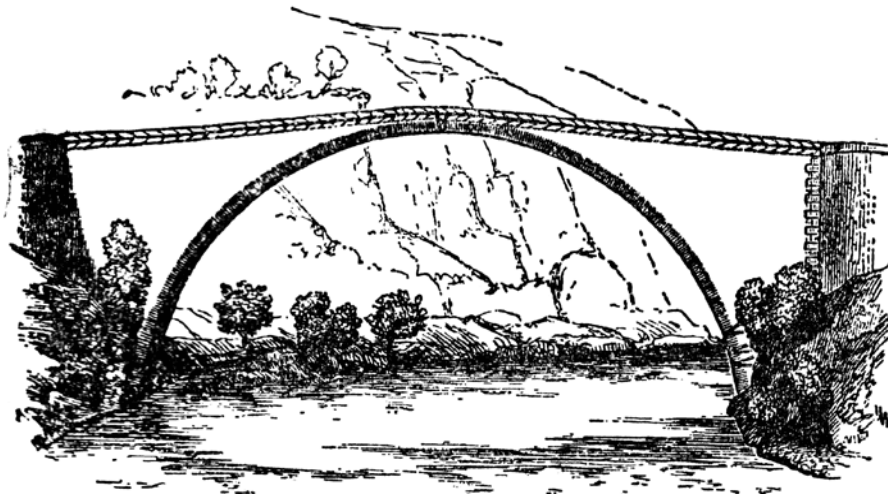


# THE DAY AFTER GUIDE

~A GUIDE TO EASE THE WAY FOR THOSE YOU LEAVE BEHIND~

This packet is designed to assist those you leave behind after your death with the process of dealing with your financial affairs. It should be stored somewhere where it will be easy for your family to locate or given to a person you absolutely trust who is willing to deliver it at the necessary time to the person(s) you designate. An interactive Day After Guide can be found by going to [www.smiliegrogers.com](http://www.smiliegrogers.com).



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Upon the death or disability of \_\_\_\_\_,  
please deliver this document to \_\_\_\_\_ at  
\_\_\_\_\_. Phone: \_\_\_\_\_.

We have prepared this short introduction to acquaint you with our firm. If we can be of service to your family, please feel free to contact us at (207) 361-4680. For more information about our firm, please visit our website at [www.brennanrogers.com](http://www.brennanrogers.com).

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# PERSONAL INFORMATION

Updated as of \_\_\_\_\_

(Information Necessary for Completion of Death Certificate)

*In case of use by a couple, a second Personal Information page follows.*

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Full name (including middle name): \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Death (Hospital; DOA; ER/outpatient; nursing home; residence, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

City or Town of Death: \_\_\_\_\_; County of Death (Ex. York County): \_\_\_\_\_

State of Death: \_\_\_\_\_

Soc. Sec. No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Level of Education (Elementary – Secondary (0-12 grades)); College (1-4 or 5+ years): \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_ USA \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Ancestry (French, English, Irish, Scottish, African, Native American, Asian, Hispanic, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Race: (American Indian, Black, White, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Service in U.S. Armed Forces: Yes  Branch: \_\_\_\_\_, Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ No

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_; Industry/Kind of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Employer: \_\_\_\_\_; Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Married:  Widowed:  Domestic Partner:  Never Married:  Divorced:

Name of Most Recent Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_; SSN of Same: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of father: \_\_\_\_\_

# PERSONAL INFORMATION

Updated as of \_\_\_\_\_

(Information Necessary for Completion of Death Certificate)

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Full name (including middle name): \_\_\_\_\_

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Employer: \_\_\_\_\_; Contact Information: \_\_\_\_\_

Marital Status: Married:  Widowed:  Domestic Partner:  Never Married:  Divorced:

Name of Most Recent Spouse/Partner: \_\_\_\_\_; SSN of Same: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of father: \_\_\_\_\_



# CONTACT LIST

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It is a good idea to attach a copy of your personal address book to this document of everyone who you want notified of your death so that they can be identified easily.

Alternatively, in the space below provide those you leave behind some direction in this regard.

NAME	RELATIONSHIP	PHONE/E-MAIL	ADDRESS

Additional pages attached: Yes

No

# GENERAL CHECKLIST

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## THINGS TO DO AFTER MY DEATH

PLACE AN "X" IN THE LEFT COLUMN WHEN ITEM HAS BEEN COMPLETED	
	<p>Notify immediate family and close friends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of the names and contact information of the close family and friends you should contact <u>first</u> may be attached at the end of this document.</li> </ul>
	<p>Evaluate the emotional impact on my surviving spouse, if any, children and close relatives and friends; arrange for support if required.</p>
	<p>Deal with donation of bodily organs to an "organ bank," as I have indicated in my Advance Health Care Directive or as I have otherwise indicated.</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <p>_____</p>
	<p>Arrange care for pets, if any.</p> <p>Special Instructions (regarding feeding, medical issues, care, and placement):</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
	<p>Evaluate the need for security at my residence or place of business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cancel or rearrange home deliveries?</li> <li>• Have Post Office hold mail?</li> <li>• Change locks to home, office or other real estate?</li> </ul>
	<p>Find perishable property (food, plants, etc.), arrange for care or disposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider donations to local food banks, senior centers (which generally accept any food item, even if already opened); and other relief agencies.</li> </ul>

	<p>Find and review my expressed funeral and burial wishes.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><u>Check Controlling Document</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advance Health Care Directive. <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Will. <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Instructions left with my church or other religious institution. <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• See the funeral/burial guide at the end of this document. <input type="checkbox"/></li> <li>• Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/></li> </ul>
	<p>Prepare and arrange for obituary.</p> <p>Comments (Examples: Notable accomplishments; group affiliations; hobbies; church affiliations; military service etc.)</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>
	<p>Arrange for mortuary, cemetery, burial, cremation, as appropriate.</p> <p>Comments: _____</p>



	<p>Arrange funeral/burial services. See guide near the end of this packet.</p> <p>Comments: _____</p>
	<p>Notify agent under any power of attorney of my death</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comment: <b><i>Powers of attorney are revoked by death and can no longer be used!</i></b></li> <li>• Consider notifying my financial institutions that I have passed away if there are concerns of misuse of a power of attorney.</li> </ul>
	<p>Notify <u>other</u> members of family and friends of my passing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A list of the names and contact information of the other family and friends you should contact may be attached at the end of this document.</li> </ul>
	<p>Keep records of all payments for funeral and other expenses (for estate and income tax purposes).</p>
	<p>Locate safe deposit box(es); follow safe deposit box procedures (see procedure and location guide below).</p> <p>Comment: <b><i>To avoid delays with regard to access, consider arranging with the bank to give another person authorized access to your safe deposit box.</i></b></p>
	<p>Locate wills, codicils, trusts (see document locator below).</p>
	<p>Locate life insurance policies. (see document locator below).</p>
	<p>Locate other important documents, relationships, accounts, investments, etc. (see document locator below).</p>
	<p>Advise Social Security, MaineCare, other agencies as appropriate.</p>
	<p>Investigate social security benefits.</p>
	<p>Investigate life insurance.</p>
	<p>Investigate veterans burial allowance and other benefits.</p>
	<p>Investigate employee benefits, including accrued vacation pay, death benefits, final wages, retirement plans, deferred compensation, medical reimbursements.</p>
	<p>Investigate refunds on insurance.</p>
	<p>Investigate employee benefits, including accrued vacation pay, death benefits, final wages, retirement plans, deferred compensation, medical reimbursements.</p>
	<p>Investigate Keogh and IRA accounts.</p>

	<p>Investigate business, partnership and investment arrangements.</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
	<p>Retain and meet with attorney regarding estate matters.</p> <p>Recommendations: _____</p>
	<p>Retain and meet with CPA as to tax and accounting matters.</p> <p>Recommendations: _____</p>
	<p>Meet with life insurance agent to collect proceeds or consider options.</p>
	<p>Obtain death certificates (ask attorney how many are needed (5 to 10 is a good number to start with)).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask funeral director to order 5 to 10.</li> <li>• Also available at the town hall in the town/city of my death.</li> </ul>
	<p>Deal with fire, theft, liability and auto insurance on my property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Auto policy company and policy no.: _____</li> <li>• House policy company and policy no.: _____</li> </ul>
	<p>Work with attorney and CPA to prepare inventory, list of accounts and list of debts</p>
	<p>Review credit cards and charge accounts, cancel as appropriate (see account information below).</p>
	<p>DO NOT pay any of my debts until the family or executor meets and discusses this with the estate attorney.</p>
	<p>Obtain valuations of assets, as appropriate (the estate attorney will assist you with this).</p> <p>Recommendations: _____</p>
	<p>If I have a Trust, arrange for an estate attorney to assist you or the Trustee.</p>
	<p>Arrange for final income tax return and estate tax return, as necessary.</p>

## DOCUMENT LOCATION GUIDE

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This section contains forms that pinpoint the location of your important documents and tell your loved ones and fiduciaries who should be notified on you disability or death.

These location lists will be extraordinarily helpful to your loved ones and fiduciaries and should be kept current.

**HOME ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME LOCATION 1:** \_\_\_\_\_  
( *Example:* Bedside table in master bedroom)

**HOME LOCATION 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME LOCATION 3:** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME LOCATION 4:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SAFE-DEPOSIT BOX:**

**BANK AND LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**KEY LOCATION OR COMBINATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVISOR 1:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADVISOR 2:** \_\_\_\_\_

- Additional financial information is \_\_\_\_\_ is not \_\_\_\_\_ (check one) provided below.

		<i>Estate Planning Documents</i>	<i>Home Location 1</i>	<i>Home Location 2</i>	<i>Home Location 3</i>	<i>Home Location 4</i>	<i>Safe-Deposit Box</i>	<i>Advisor 1</i>	<i>Advisor 2</i>
	Living Trust								
Supporting Estate Planning	Original Will								
	Copies of Wills								
	Memorial Instructions								
	Affidavit and Certificate of Trust								
	Durable Power of Attorney								
	Advance Health Care Directive								
Business papers	Employment contracts								
	Partnership agreements								
	Corporation documents								
	Leases								
	Bills of sale								
Securities	Investment securities								
	Brokerage account								
	Stock certificates								
	Bonds								
	Annuity contracts								
	Stock-option plan								

*Estate Planning Portfolio*  
*Home Location 1*  
*Home Location 2*  
*Home Location 3*  
*Home Location 4*  
*Safe-Deposit Box*  
*Advisor 1*  
*Advisor 2*

		<i>Estate Planning Portfolio</i>	<i>Home Location 1</i>	<i>Home Location 2</i>	<i>Home Location 3</i>	<i>Home Location 4</i>	<i>Safe-Deposit Box</i>	<i>Advisor 1</i>	<i>Advisor 2</i>
Retirement plans	Pension plan								
	Profit sharing plan								
	IRA								
Cash	Checkbook(s)								
	Savings Passbook(s)								
	Credit Card(s)								
	Bank Statements and Canceled Checks								
Other									

*Estate Planning Portfolio*  
*Home Location 1*  
*Home Location 2*  
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*Home Location 4*  
*Safe-Deposit Box*  
*Advisor 1*  
*Advisor 2*

Tax records	Income tax returns								
	Gift tax returns								
Real Estate	Deeds								
	Title insurance								
	Rental property records								
	Notes & loan agreements								
	Mortgages								
Personal effects and other assets	Tangible Personal Property								
	Memos								
	Car/boat/plane titles								
	Cemetery plot deed								
	Community property agreement								
	Insurance policies								
	Marriage certificate								
	Divorce/separation papers								
	Military papers								
	Birth certificates								
	List of relatives & friends								
	List of Advisors								

**DOCUMENT LOCATION  
COMMENTS/NOTES**

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**SAFE-DEPOSIT BOX ACCESS PROCEDURES**

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If there is any danger of a will or trust contest, or a conflict between executor, trustee, family or beneficiaries, DO NOT go to safe deposit box without the involvement of an attorney experienced with estate administration.

- Banks often have their own rules about access to safety deposit boxes.
- For a small estate, an affidavit for collection of personal property should permit access to the safety deposit box.
- Some banks require the appointment of a personal representative before allowing access.

**COMMENTS/NOTES**

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## HOUSEHOLD ACCOUNT INFORMATION

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Account	Company	Acct. #	Phone	When and how paid
Electric				
Water				
Sewer				
Gas				
Oil				
Landscaping				
Plowing				
RE Taxes				
Housecleaning				
Home phone				
Cell Phone				
Office Phone				
Internet				
Cable				
Car excise tax				
Home mortgage				
Business loans				
Credit Card 1				
Credit Card 2				
Credit Card 3				

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# DOCUMENT LOCATION COMPUTER AND ACCOUNT USER NAME AND PASSWORD INFORMATION

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Company or Account	User Name	Password	Associated e-mail account or web address.

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# FINANCIAL INFORMATION GUIDE

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## ADVISORS

	Name	Address	Phone
Attorney	_____	_____ _____	_____
Accountant	_____	_____ _____	_____
Trust Officer	_____	_____ _____	_____
Banker	_____	_____ _____	_____
Insurance Agent	_____	_____ _____	_____
Investment Advisor	_____	_____ _____	_____

Stockbroker

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Physician

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Other

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## REAL ESTATE

### Residence

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_

How Titled: Sole Name  Joint  with: \_\_\_\_\_

Other  \_\_\_\_\_

### Vacation Home

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_

How Titled: Sole Name  Joint  with: \_\_\_\_\_

Other  \_\_\_\_\_

### Other Real Estate

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_

How Titled: Sole Name  Joint  with: \_\_\_\_\_

Other  \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_

How Titled: Sole Name  Joint  with: \_\_\_\_\_

Other  \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Acquisition: \_\_\_\_\_

How Titled: Sole Name  Joint  with: \_\_\_\_\_

Other  \_\_\_\_\_

## CASH AND BANK ACCOUNTS

Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Account  
Number

Checking Accounts \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Savings Accounts \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Money Market Accounts

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Certificates of Deposit

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

See attached continuation page: Yes  No

## INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

	<u>Brokerage</u>	<u>Account No.</u>	<u>Account Manger</u>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____

See attached continuation page: Yes  No

## STOCKS AND BONDS (Held Individually)

	Company/Type	Number of shares Or Amount	Location
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
4.	_____	_____	_____
5.	_____	_____	_____
6.	_____	_____	_____
7.	_____	_____	_____

See attached continuation page: Yes  No

## LIFE INSURANCE

Policy Number and Type of Insurance (e.g., term, group, whole life, accidental death)	Named Beneficiary	Owner of Policy	Death Benefit
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
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_____	_____	_____	\$ _____
Total			\$ _____

See attached continuation page:    Yes            No   

## RETIREMENT PLANS

Type	Company	Amount	Beneficiary
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____
_____	_____	\$ _____	_____

See attached continuation page:    Yes            No





# FUNERAL/BURIAL GUIDE

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## Funeral Instructions

- Funeral home name and location: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_
- Pre-Planned Arrangement?  Yes  No
- Burial or Cremation?  Burial  Cremation
- Viewing?  Yes  No
- Type of Casket/Urn: \_\_\_\_\_
- Open or Closed Casket?  Open  Closed
- Appearance (clothing, jewelry): \_\_\_\_\_
- Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral/Memorial Service?  Funeral  Memorial: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Where? \_\_\_\_\_
- Who Should Preside at the Service? \_\_\_\_\_
- Pallbearers: \_\_\_\_\_
- Requested Hymns/Scriptures \_\_\_\_\_
- Place of Interment: \_\_\_\_\_
- Location of Cemetery Deed or Contract: \_\_\_\_\_
- Type of Headstone: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- Epitaph: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_
- Obituary Notice?  Yes  No
- Donations in Lieu of Flowers?  Yes To: \_\_\_\_\_  No
  - Special Requests: \_\_\_\_\_
- Funeral Instructions: \_\_\_\_\_  
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