

Some Other Things to Consider

Consider making a list of the following things so that your family knows where to find this information. Keep this in your end-of-life folder. Tell family where to find this folder (desk, filing cabinet, safe/fire lock box. (NOT in a safe deposit box).

- Do you have pets? Who do you want to take them?
- Access to your social media accounts, email & other online accounts that you would want deleted. What they are, usernames & Passwords
- Which credit cards do you have? Contact Phone number &/or Username & password.
- The names and phone numbers for your utility companies. Phone/Internet, Power/Gas, Water, Trash, Cell Phone, Cable/Satellite/streaming service(Netflix, Hulu)
- Life Insurance (A copy of the Policy should be in your end-of-life folder), health insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, accidental death policy, pension or union insurance policies, car insurance, homeowner's, long term care. Policy numbers, contact phone numbers, consider making copies of all of these policies or cards to put in the folder.
- Banks/financial institutions, safe deposit boxes, mortgage, consider putting a loved one on your bank accounts so that they have automatic rights of survivorship, or a beneficiary(through the bank) or set the account as Payable on Death (POD) or Transferable on Death (TOD) (this gives access to the money if needed for the funeral) : Account numbers, locations, phone numbers
- Car: loan, insurance

Some Additional Information for You & Family &/or Loved Ones

- If you live alone, let family know how to lock up your home and vehicle(where to find keys). Who will take care of watering the plants, getting the mail and throw out any food in the refrigerator/freezer. If there are valuables in the home, such as jewelry or cash, where are they and do they need to be locked up? You have to watch out for valuable personal effects walking out. Enlist a friend or neighbor to keep an eye on the home during the funeral or memorial service to ward off a potential burglary.
- Credit agencies: To prevent identity theft, send copies of the death certificate to one of the three major credit bureaus: Equifax, Experian or TransUnion. You only need to tell one of them, and it will tell the others.
- Cancel driver's license: This removes the deceased's name from the records of the department of motor vehicles and prevents identity theft. Contact the agency for specific instructions, but you'll need a copy of the death certificate. Keep a copy of the canceled driver's license in your records. You may need it to close or access accounts that belonged to the deceased.
- Update voter registration: Contact your state or county directly to find out how to remove your dead relative from the voting rolls. The rules vary by state. Some states get notifications from state and local agencies and will remove your dead relative from voter registration rolls automatically. States will also remove voters if a relative notifies them of the death. Depending on where your loved one was registered to vote, you may need to give notice of the death in writing, by affidavit or with a death certificate.

Here's a good check list resource for your family to help with all the things after a death:
<https://www.aarp.org/home-family/friends-family/info-2020/when-loved-one-dies-checklist/?cmp=RDRCT-0c43c278-20200612>