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HOW TO LEGALLY CHANGE YOUR NAME

The first step is to request several certified copies of your marriage certificate, which you will need to present as proof for the name change. Next, change your records at Portland's Social Security office, (800) 772-1213, 1538 SW Yamhill Street, which is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. (or visit Social Security Online at SSA.gov). Next stop: the Department of Motor Vehicles. Unfortunately, this has to be done in person, so visit one of the Oregon Department of Motor Vehicles offices. Luckily, there are more than a dozen in the Portland area. You'll find their addresses and hours of operation online at OregonDMV.com. If you have a vehicle titled or registered in your maiden name, don't forget to bring those documents as well. After the Social Security and driver's license changes are made, the rest can usually be done via telephone or mail. Your name should be changed on your financial records, your payroll records, voter registration, utility accounts, and passport. A good rule of thumb is to notify any business that sends you a bill.