



Wedding Timeline Checklist

15-9 Months Before

- Schedule engagement photos
- Place an announcement in the paper and/or create a website
- Select bridal party
- Coordinate engagement party
- Decide on who pays for what and set an overall budget
- Set a wedding date
- Decide on the style of wedding
- Choose and book reception site
- Choose and book ceremony location
- Decide whether you need/want pre-marital counseling
- Start draft of guest list

9-6 Months Before

- Announce wedding date
- Start shopping for wedding dress, shoes, jewelry, etc.
- Decide on bridesmaid dresses
- Organize flower decorations and bouquets
- Hire a caterer
- Hire wedding photographer/videographer
- Hire DJ/Band
- Choose officiant and discuss ceremony process
- Start thinking about gift registry
- Reserve hotel rooms for out-of-town guests
- Have an engagement party
- Book honeymoon



6-4 Months Before

- Select and order wedding invitations and stationary
- Choose wedding cake
- Arrange for rental items
- Buy wedding rings
- Organize tuxes
- Make sure bridesmaids ordered their gowns and decide on accessories
- Look for wedding favors
- Confirm dates for bridal shower and bachelorette parties
- Start registry
- Get ideas for wedding hair and makeup
- Organize helpers such as readers, musicians, guest book attendant etc.
- Organize additional management staff, babysitters etc.
- Give guest list to shower hostess

2-4 Months Before

- Finalize guest list
- Select place for rehearsal dinner
- Select music for ceremony, reception, etc.
- Book makeup artist and hairstylist
- Check tuxes for groom and groomsmen have been ordered
- Organize wedding transportation
- Order wedding favors
- Find gifts for each other, bridal party, your attendants, shower hostess, parents etc.
- Purchase wedding accessories such as candles, baskets, ring pillow etc.
- Start preparations for honeymoon
- Send invitations 8 weeks before wedding date



2-1 Months Before

- Have first bridal gown fitting
- Schedule a final fitting for your gown
- Finalize ceremony readings, songs etc.
- Design wedding program
- Meet with officiant to finalize ceremony
- Write vows
- Prepare photo and video shot list
- Check requirements for blood test and marriage license in your state
- Discuss and finalize details with wedding service providers

4-3 Weeks Before

- Get marriage license 30 days before wedding
- Mail rehearsal dinner invitations
- Meet with stylist to discuss makeup and hair
- Confirm hotel arrangements for out-of-town guests



2-1 Weeks Before

- Call guests who have not responded to invitation
- Make final payments for all services that require payment
- Have final wedding gown fitting
- Finalize wedding day schedule and share with bridal party, parents and all vendors
- Pick up wedding dress and make sure all accessories are together
- Reconfirm all wedding plans
- Give cater/reception site final head count
- Provide wedding party and out-of-town guests with itinerary and maps
- Give someone at home emergency numbers of honeymoon locations, credit card numbers, etc.
- Finalize seating arrangements
- Prepare place cards
- Prepare wedding box for ceremony accessories
- Prepare reception box for reception accessories
- Prepare wedding favors
- Complete seating plan for reception
- Confirm all rental and floral delivery dates and times
- Confirm arrival times for attendants
- Pack for wedding night and honeymoon
- Compile an emergency list of all wedding vendors with phone numbers

The Day Before

- Prepare a list of payment envelopes, marking who is responsible for each one
- Hand out assignment lists and checklists to ensure everyone knows their tasks
- Hand out ceremony and reception boxes to appropriate person
- Hand out favor box to appropriate person
- Give rings to best man
- Gather wedding dress and all accessories
- Get a manicure, pedicure, massage
- Rehearse ceremony with officiant and wedding party
- Confirm flight arrangements for honeymoon



The Wedding Day

- Eat breakfast
- See hairdresser
- Have makeup applied
- Have rings and wedding license

After Wedding

- Get wedding gown cleaned and preserved
- Return Groom's formalwear attire
- Preserve bouquet
- Write and send thank you notes
- Arrange name change
- Finalize gift registry
- Joint bank accounts, insurance, merging of money etc.
- Meet with photographer and videographer to finalize albums/video