

Timeline Checklist



Careful planning and scheduling will enable you to relax and truly enjoy every moment of your wedding day. For a large formal wedding, arrangements should begin at least 6-12 months in advance to enable your suppliers to provide the best quality and service. (Plan on 12 months+ for the more scenic venues during peak times.)

SIX TO TWELVE MONTHS:

- Decide budget
- Decide type of wedding
- Choose location of ceremony
- Select reception site
- Select type of clergy
- Choose attendants
- Select gown, veil & accessories
- Select attendants' gowns
- Compile invitation list
- Plan details of reception
- Select men's formal wear
- Select photographer
- Select videographer
- Select florist
- Select caterer
- Select bridal registry
- Select musicians and music for ceremony
- Select musicians and music for reception
- Discuss honeymoon plans
- Reserve limousines
- Order wedding favors
- Send for or renew passport (www.tsa.gov)

FOUR TO SIX MONTHS:

- Order invitations, stationery, wedding programs
- Finalize honeymoon with travel agency
- Shop for honeymoon clothing
- Find a place to live
- Shop for home furnishings
- Set appointment for physical exam and update immunizations
- Order flowers
- Shop for wedding bands

TWO MONTHS:

- Address wedding invitations and/or announcements
- Call local newspaper on wedding announcement deadline
- Select attendants' gifts
- Try out new hair styles you may be considering
- Set date with fiancé to get marriage license

- Gown fittings, appointments for attendants' fittings
- Reserve rental items for ceremony / reception
- Order wedding and groom's cake
- Mail invitations to arrive six weeks before wedding

ONE MONTH:

- Arrange for final gown fitting
- Remind attendants of final gown fittings
- Make reservations for rehearsal dinner
- Have formal wedding portrait taken
- Make reservations for bridesmaids' luncheon
- Arrange lodging for out-of-town guests
- Buy groom's wedding gift, attendants' gifts
- Confirm honeymoon trip reservations.

TWO WEEKS:

- Record wedding gifts as they arrive. Write thank you notes promptly
- Double check attire and accessories for all members of the wedding party
- Confirm time & date of rehearsal with members of wedding party
- Review reception seating plans and make place cards if necessary
- Arrange to move your belongings to new home
- Schedule hair and manicure appointments
- Arrange for name and address changes on accounts, credit cards, licenses, insurance policies, utilities

ONE WEEK:

- Have final consultations with caterer, florist, musicians, photographer, and limousine
- Give final guest count to reception facility and caterer
- Host bridesmaids' luncheon
- Begin packing for honeymoon
- Relax and get plenty of rest...the planning is complete.

Have a wonderful wedding!