

Wedding Timeline

9 to 12 months before:

- 0 Announce your engagement
- 0 Decide on date
- 0 Decide how to pay for the wedding
- 0 Discuss the budget with everyone contributing to the expense of the wedding
- 0 Pick the ceremony site
- 0 Meet with the officiant (pastor, justice of the piece, priest etc.)
- 0 Work on the guest list
- 0 Visit reception sites and reserve one
- 0 Shop for your gown

6 to 9 months before:

- 0 Choose your wedding party
- 0 Enroll in gift registry
- 0 Order your gown
- 0 Shop for bridesmaid dresses
- 0 Select a Caterer
- 0 Pick a photographer or videographer
- 0 Choose flowers and hire a florist if needed
- 0 Book musicians and/or DJ
- 0 Have fun finding a honeymoon spot
- 0 Contact a travel agent, they could save you money
- 0 Mail save-the-dates, especially if you are having a destination wedding

4 to 6 months before:

- 0 Shop for a cake
- 0 Figure out wedding day transportation
- 0 Finish the final guest list
- 0 Make plane and hotel reservations for your honeymoon
- 0 Arrange the rehearsal dinner
- 0 Order wedding invitations
- 0 Check your passport to be sure you can travel abroad if necessary
- 0 Apply for tourist visa if necessary
- 0 Check at cdc.gov for immunization requirements if traveling abroad
- 0 Make appointment with your doctor for

2 to 4 months before:

- 0 Order the wedding cake
- 0 Choose favors
 - 0 Call the county clerk's office for marriage immunization scheduling if necessary
 - license requirements and state laws
- 0 Buy thank you gifts for attendants
- 0 Book a room for your wedding night
- 0 Meet with caterer to discuss the menu and style of service
- 0 Choose and order tuxes for the groomsmen and groom
- 0 Choose ceremony music
- 0 Shop for wedding rings

1 month before:

- 0 Mail invitations 4 weeks before wedding date
- 0 Try out your hairdo with headpiece and book hair dresser for the big day
- 0 Try out your makeup and hire makeup consultant
- 0 Discuss insurance policies and other important document changes that will need to be made
- 0 If having a formal sit down dinner, decide on the seating arrangement

2 weeks before:

- 0 Work on rehearsal dinner toast
- 0 Contact caterer with final guest count
- 0 Put together a beauty bag of lip gloss, body spray, powder, blush, mints and a small mirror for the wedding day
- 0 Do final dress fitting
- 0 Confirm final details with photographer, florist, and any other vendors that have been hired
- 0 Choose someone reliable to take care of any important items (cake top, cake knife, toasting glasses, gifts) from the reception to home

1 week before:

- 0 Pack for the honeymoon
- 0 Make two copies of important documents including passports, credit cards, hotel information, flight itinerary. Pack a copy in your luggage and keep a copy on you or leave it with someone who can be reached in an emergency.
- 0 Have final facials, hair removal and/or brow shaping treatments
- 0 Arrange for someone to collect and return all rented tuxes
- 0 Arrange for someone to return all rented items if necessary
- 0 Arrange for someone to pick up your mail while you are out of town or have mail delivery suspended

1 day before:

- 0 Have your final manicure and pedicure
- 0 Rehearsal dinner
- 0 Arrange for someone to bring your luggage to the reception or hotel if leaving from there