

Wedding Checklist

12+ Months Before

- Decide budget
- Create guest list draft
- Choose wedding date
- Book ceremony & reception venues
- Hire wedding planner (optional)
- Choose theme & style

9–12 Months Before

- Hire photographer & videographer
- Book caterer
- Hire florist
- Choose bridal party
- Shop for wedding dress & attire
- Book entertainment (DJ, band)

6–9 Months Before

- Send Save-the-Dates
- Book officiant
- Plan honeymoon
- Order bridesmaid dresses & groomsmen attire
- Reserve hotel blocks for guests

4–6 Months Before

- Choose cake & schedule tasting
- Order invitations
- Arrange transportation
- Finalize décor plans
- Start hair & makeup trials

2–4 Months Before

- Mail invitations
- Purchase wedding rings
- Schedule dress fittings
- Plan rehearsal dinner
- Confirm vendors (photographer, florist, caterer, etc.)

1–2 Months Before

- Apply for marriage license
- Create wedding day timeline
- Confirm music playlist
- Buy wedding party gifts
- Finalize seating chart

1–2 Weeks Before

- Final dress fitting
- Confirm headcount with caterer
- Pack for honeymoon
- Rehearse ceremony
- Prepare final payments/tips for vendors

Wedding Day

- Eat a good breakfast
- Hair & makeup
- Get dressed & photos with bridal party
- Ceremony
- Reception & celebration

After the Wedding

- Return rentals
- Send thank-you notes
- Preserve wedding dress & bouquet
- Change name/legal documents (if applicable)