



Wedding Checklist

Here is a little help from your friends at MyEasternShoreWedding!! Use this handy list to help tame that overwhelming feeling of planning your wedding. What a great way to be organized and relaxed, knowing you've thought of everything!!

YOU'RE ENGAGED! WHAT'S NEXT?

- ☐ Announce your engagement to family and close friends
- ☐ Publish your announcement in local paper
- ☐ Decide on your wedding date
- ☐ Discuss with your fiancé the number of guests you'd like to invite and how large a wedding party you wish to have
- ☐ Discuss where you'd like to be married, venue options, etc.
- ☐ Discuss and set a tentative budget
- ☐ Decide how expenses will be shared

10-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Select color scheme and wedding theme
- ☐ Book your venue for ceremony & reception- book venue as early as you can since the Eastern Shore is a popular wedding destination!
- ☐ Decide if you are going to work with a wedding planner- the best book early!
- ☐ Download the Eastern Shore's Handpicked Vendors Wedding Guide from this site
- ☐ Choose your wedding party by asking your dearest friends and family
- ☐ Firm up budget, make any adjustments necessary
- ☐ Book your minister or officiant
- ☐ Book wedding entertainment
- ☐ Look at bridal magazines to get ideas of what style of wedding dress you love
- ☐ Book photographer

8-10 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Create wedding website for everyone to enjoy and keep informed
- ☐ Start planning your honeymoon, ask a travel agent about peak season destinations, search the internet for desirable locales
- ☐ Select your dress and accessories- some dresses need long lead times for ordering and alterations
- ☐ Select your wedding party's attire and accessories
- ☐ Finalize your guest list
- ☐ Send out Save-the-Dates- such fun!
- ☐ Create your wedding registry
- ☐ Finalize your vendors in each category

6-8 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ If leaving the country on your honeymoon, make sure your passports are up to date
- ☐ Finalize honeymoon plans and purchase tickets
- ☐ Shop for bridal lingerie- ooh fun!
- ☐ Order mother-of-the-bride attire
- ☐ Order wedding bands and ring and have engraved, if desired
- ☐ Have your tasting at venue + discuss menu
- ☐ Schedule an engagement session with your photographer

3-6 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Meet with DJ/Band to discuss your playlist
- ☐ Reserve suite for honeymoon night

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- ☐ Meet with ceremony musicians and select music for service
- ☐ Order invitations
- ☐ Discuss rehearsal dinner- this is usually the responsibility of the groom's family- where to have it, guest list is customarily your families and any out of town guests
- ☐ Finalize flowers in your bouquet, taking into account your overall color scheme and theme
- ☐ Choose a salon for hair and make-up and schedule a "trial run"
- ☐ Make any transportation arrangements- reserve limousine, buses if desired
- ☐ Discuss table centerpieces with your florist
- ☐ Meet with wedding planner to discuss details and tentative timeline for "day-of"
- ☐ Decide on shape and theme of wedding cake
- ☐ Make sure your immunizations are up to date if you're leaving the country for your honeymoon
- ☐ Discuss rehearsal dinner menu
- ☐ Dance lessons for you and your fiancé!?
- ☐ Shop for any detail items that you may be using to enhance your wedding theme, i.e. favors, decorations, candles, etc.
- ☐ Update your wedding website

2 MONTHS BEFORE

- ☐ Mail invitations
- ☐ First fitting for wedding dress and bridal attire
- ☐ Research wedding license requirements
- ☐ Have wedding program printed and work on name place cards
- ☐ Order wedding cake
- ☐ Review details for boutonnieres and bridesmaids bouquets with florist
- ☐ Purchase ring pillow if having a ring-bearer, bridal garters, and goblets, if desired
- ☐ Finalize rehearsal dinner plans
- ☐ Organize a bridal shower
- ☐ Check in with officiant and inform about special readings for ceremony
- ☐ Make sure you have guest book, cake knife, etc.

ONE MONTH BEFORE

- ☐ Final fitting for gown
- ☐ Get marriage license
- ☐ Purchase gifts for bridesmaids and groomsmen
- ☐ Open joint bank accounts
- ☐ Pamper yourself with bubble baths, massages, champagne and candles
- ☐ Have a facial and body scrub with beautician
- ☐ Meet/talk with photographer about your "day-of" timeline and finalize all details
- ☐ Plan "hens" and "bucks" parties
- ☐ Update wedding website
- ☐ Make hospitality bags for out-of-town guests
- ☐ Purchase wedding gifts for one another
- ☐ Check in with each vendor by phone or email to make sure everything is in place

ONE WEEK BEFORE

- ☐ Confirm with caterer/venue the final number of guests
- ☐ Confirm rehearsal dinner plans, details, timeline
- ☐ Confirm honeymoon plans and begin packing
- ☐ Create an emergency kit for bridal dressing room with scissors, needle and thread, tapes, shoe tape, safety pins, manicure set, hairspray, etc.
- ☐ Check in with venue, wedding planner

A DAY OR TWO BEFORE!!

- ☐ Get sleep!!
- ☐ Pamper yourself!
- ☐ Pack bags for honeymoon, etc. and for your wedding day
- ☐ If you need to pick up any final items like programs, etc., do so now
- ☐ Finalize arrival time for rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- ☐ Marry your true love!!

ENJOY!!

IT'S THE DAY YOU'VE DREAMED OF!

My Notes