



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 tread, 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