

Wedding Countdown Checklist

1 - 2 WEEKS AHEAD

- Contact guests who have not RSVP'd
- Finalize seating chart for reception
- Order wedding gown cleaning and preservation service at least 2 weeks prior so you can have your gown cleaned ASAP afterwards to avoid stains from setting in**
- Confirm all final payment amounts with your vendors
- Final payments/cash tips in marked envelopes for distribution on wedding day
- Determine wedding party ceremony places and order for processional and recessional
- Finalize all forms for Wedding Coordinator including seating chart for reception
- Meet with Wedding Coordinator for 'Final Details' meeting
- Attend final appointment at venue for walk through of layout with Wedding Coordinator
- Make sure all items to bring to your wedding coordinator for set up are ready
- Prepare your toasts or 'thank you' to friends and family at your reception
- Plan any additional night-before activities with friends and/or attendants
- Put together an overnight bag for your wedding night (toothbrush, lingerie, etc.)
- Leave a copy of your honeymoon itinerary with someone in case of emergency
- Brides: Get a manicure and pedicure and confirm big-day beauty appointments
- Give reception site final head count
- Give copies of ceremony readings to those who'll be reading them
- Inspect gown and take care of any pressing or steaming needs
- Grooms: go for a final fitting and pick up formalwear, including accessories
- Be sure entire bridal party has their attire & tries everything on in advance!
- Confirm transportation arrangements and schedules
- Create and deliver welcome gift bags to hotel for out of town guests (maps, treats, etc.)

DAY BEFORE

- Pull together wedding gown, veil, shoes, stockings, and a last-minute emergency kit
- Confirm all specific honeymoon travel plans (including transportation to airport, etc.)
- Get a manicure / pedicure touch up if necessary
- Write checks for any balances due
- Make time for ways to reduce stress (exercise, walks, meditate, hot baths, etc.)
- Greet any out of town guests
- Bring set up items (favors, guest book, etc.) to your wedding coordinator at the rehearsal
- Give license to Officiant or Wedding Coordinator
- Attend the rehearsal - practice the processional, ceremony and recessional
- Present gifts to attendants and parents at rehearsal dinner
- Try to get a good night sleep (warm milk or chamomile tea and a hot bath can help)

WEDDING DAY

- Eat breakfast – ideally high protein (yogurt, eggs, or toast with peanut butter)
- Have a massage in the morning to help you relax
- Get your hair and make-up done; use a straw to drink once you have on lipstick
- Give wedding bands to designees for ceremony
- Have someone help you get dressed
- Assign family members to be photographer's contact so they know who is who
- Take a moment to thank your parents and tell them you love them
- Relax, smile, and enjoy the day!