

## One Year Checklist

### Twelve to Ten Months Before

- Figure out the budget and who is paying what expenses
- Think about wedding style, guests, date and site locations
- Reserve ceremony and reception sites

### Ten Months Before

- Choose your Officiant
- Choose attendants
- Compile guest list
- Start looking for caterer, florist, DJ or band and photographer
- Engagement Photos

### Eight Months Before

- Book the caterer, florist, DJ or band and photographer; refer to budget after getting estimates
- Order dress unless buying off the rack, then you can wait a few more months

### Six Months Before

- Meet with chosen vendors to discuss rentals, photography, flowers, menu, cake, music, and drinks
- Choose invitations, thank you cards
- Order wedding rings
- Shop for bridesmaids
- Reserve transportation
- Research honeymoons
- Register for gifts

### Four Months Before

- Finalize guest list and reserve hotel rooms for out-of-town guests
- Decide on what the groom and groomsmen will wear
- Bridesmaids order dresses
- Schedule rehearsal dinner

### Two Months Before

- Discuss ceremony readings and song choices with your Officiant
- Mail invitations
- Check state's requirements for a marriage license ([link](#))
- Hair and makeup practice
- Choose all accessories for the day like shoes and jewelry

## **Six Weeks Before**

- Write vows, have the Officiant approve them
- Send wedding announcement to newspapers
- Print programs
- Marriage license
- Buy gifts for members of the wedding party

## **Two Weeks Before**

- Submit a final shot list to photographer
- Final dress fitting
- Assemble programs
- Check on gift registry
- Ceremony music
- Submit playlist to DJ or band for reception
- Write rehearsal and wedding day speeches

## **One Week Before**

- Confirm vendor details
- Pick up dress and wedding rings
- Give readings to those doing so during ceremony
- Final guest count to the venue and caterer
- May want to break in the wedding day shoes by wearing them around the house

## **One Day Before**

- Reconfirm all times and locations
- Manicure and Pedicure (Do other primping like waxing at least 4 days earlier)
- Rehearsal dinner

## **Wedding Day**

- Eat small light meals
- Relax and enjoy your day

Up to 8 weeks after send thank you notes for all the gifts you received.