

Groom's Checklist

Twelve To Eighteen Months Before

- Buy engagement ring and propose
- Discuss date, hour of wedding as well as type of wedding
- Discuss the financial wedding budget with both sets of parents
- Book transportation (limousine, horse & carriage)

Nine To Twelve Months Before

- Choose best man and ushers (1 usher is suggested for every 50 guests)
- Start talking with fiancé about your guest list
- Start planning and arranging your honeymoon

Six To Nine Months Before

- Shop for wedding rings (size & engrave)
- Complete the guest list with full names, address and phone numbers
- Select men's attire (with help from fiancé, of course)
- Finalize all honeymoon plans, reservations, flight arrangements, etc
- Get best man and ushers fitted for their attire and place order

Four To Six Months Before

- Meet with officiant to finalize ceremony details
- Discuss financial arrangements for flowers, these are traditionally the grooms responsibility
- Check hotel availability for guests

Three To Four Months Before

- Check requirements for obtaining a marriage license
- Pick up wedding rings, make sure they fit well, check engraving
- Assist parents with plans for the rehearsal dinner party
- Apply for special occasions permit (if required)

Two Months Before

- Confirm honeymoon reservations
- Purchase gifts for best man and ushers, given at rehearsal dinner
- Purchase gift for fiancé if gifts are being exchanged

One Month Before

- Break in your dress shoes by wearing thick socks
- Pick up marriage license with fiancé
- If moving – pick up change of address cards at post office

Two Weeks Before

- Gather documents and marriage license
- Arrange details for your wedding day transportation
- Purchase travelers cheques

One Week Before

- Go over all details, double check your honeymoon plans
- Pack for honeymoon
- Have your hair cut
- Make sure that the best man and ushers know their duties
- Go over seating or pew cards with the ushers

The Day Before

- Pick up tuxedo & shoes (break in shoes)
- Set up reception hall

- Attend rehearsal & rehearsal dinner
- Give gifts to attendants / parents

Your Wedding Day

- Eat a good breakfast
- Allow yourself plenty of time to dress
- Ensure that the best man has the rings and marriage license
- Give best man the officiant's fee (sealed in an envelope)

One Hour Before

- Ushers arrive at church to get programs ready and pin on boutonnieres

30 Minutes Before

- Guests arrive, ushered to their seats starting with the seats behind those reserved for the family, groom's family – right hand side, bride's on the left.

15 Minutes Before

- The groom and the best man arrive at the church

1 Minute Before

- Groom and the best man stand ready at the front of the church

The Ceremony Begins!!

Enjoy!!....Your future awaits. Congratulations.....you made it.