
Wedding Check List

12 Months or More Before

- ☞ Announce your engagement
- ☞ Set the date for your ceremony
- ☞ Decide on your wedding style
- ☞ Discuss and set a budget
- ☞ Discuss traditions with family members
- ☞ Book a wedding consultant
- ☞ Pick a color scheme for your wedding

Select and Book:

- ☞ Wedding site
- ☞ Clergy
- ☞ Reception site
- ☞ Caterer
- ☞ Photographer
- ☞ Videographer
- ☞ Florist
- ☞ Musicians
- ☞ Register with your favorite store's bridal registry
- ☞ Begin shopping for wedding dress, headpiece & accessories

6 to 10 Months or More Before

- ☞ Establish a guest list
- ☞ Select and order attendant's gowns
- ☞ Get fabric samples to match shoes
- ☞ Select and order men's attire. The general rule is one usher to every 30 guests.
- ☞ Select a bakery for your wedding cake, taste samples
- ☞ If you plan a home wedding, book outdoor furniture or tent as needed
- ☞ Order wedding invitations and stationery
- ☞ Make honeymoon plans and reservations
- ☞ Help the mothers of the bride and groom to select their dresses
- ☞ Select a photo for your engagement announcement
- ☞ Develop a record keeping system for gifts and thank you notes
- ☞ Start dance lessons so you can look like Fred and Ginger at your reception

2 to 3 Months Before

- ☞ Address and mail wedding invitations and announcements
- ☞ Choose attendants' gifts
- ☞ Plan the bridesmaids' party
- ☞ Ask relatives to assist at the wedding and reception
- ☞ Arrange final music selections
- ☞ Confirm reception menu and decorations with your caterer
- ☞ Buy wedding shoes and start breaking them in
- ☞ Schedule appointment with your hair and make-up stylist on your wedding day
- ☞ Choose wedding favors

1 to 2 Months Before

- ☞ Have final gown and headpiece fitting
- ☞ Buy groom's wedding gift
- ☞ Meet with clergy on ceremony details
- ☞ Arrange final fitting of bridesmaids' dresses
- ☞ Check with photographer, musicians, florist, caterers, bakery, preservationist, and reception facility to make sure all details are in place
- ☞ Pick up rings, check the engraving
- ☞ Review ceremony seating with fiance' and ushers
- ☞ Write out place cards for reception
- ☞ Check honeymoon reservations
- ☞ Make an appointment for a formal wedding portrait to send to *Sacramento Bride & Groom*
- ☞ Purchase a guest book
- ☞ Obtain marriage license

7 Days Before

- ☞ Notify caterer of the final number of guests
- ☞ Arrange head table seating
- ☞ Pick up your wedding gown
- ☞ Pick up attendants' gowns
- ☞ Make a final check with clergy, florist, caterer and reception facility
- ☞ Reconfirm honeymoon arrangements
- ☞ Have your last facial to ensure that perfect "glow"
- ☞ Remind attendants of rehearsal dinner details; give them gifts that night
- ☞ Pack for your honeymoon

3 to 6 Months or More Before

- ☞ Call Sacramento County Courthouse for regulations on obtaining your marriage license (916)440-6131
- ☞ Order your wedding cake
- ☞ Book limos and transportation for wedding party
- ☞ Book calligrapher
- ☞ Make your floral and gown preservation arrangements
- ☞ If you haven' t been exercising, better start now to get in shape
- ☞ Make accommodation arrangements for out-of-town guests
- ☞ Schedule a consultation with your hair and make-up stylist
- ☞ Discuss rehearsal dinner with your fiance' - Groom' s family to make arrangements for the rehearsal dinner
- ☞ Decide on and order wedding rings
- ☞ Plan your honeymoon
- ☞ Obtain a passport for your honeymoon, if necessary
- ☞ Decide on and shop for your trousseau

1 Day Before

- ☞ Have a manicure
- ☞ Attend wedding rehearsal and rehearsal dinner
- ☞ Greet out-of-town guests
- ☞ Pack everything you will need at the church or wedding site, including emergency items

Your Wedding Day

- ☞ Appointment with your hair and make-up stylist
- ☞ Allow three hours to dress and relax
- ☞ Give Groom' s ring to Best Man