



## Your 12 Month Wedding Checklist

Now that you've had some time to soak in all the joy and happiness of being engaged you may be stressing out over all that needs to be done! Below is a timeline that will help you with your wedding planning!

### **10 – 12 Months To Go...**

- Work out your budget and establish your priorities
- Start envisioning your wedding and browsing Pinterest, wedding magazines and wedding blogs
- Start looking at wedding venues, visit and book your favorite venue and your date is set!
- Compile a preliminary guest list
- Book your high priority vendors – photographer, florist, DJ/Band
- Consider getting Wedding Insurance

### **6 – 9 Months To Go...**

- Engagement Session with your photographer
- Choose your wedding rings
- Book your hair and makeup
- Book your Officiant
- Finalize your guest list
- Decide on arrangements with your Floral Designer
- Do a tasting and choose your wedding cake with your Cake Designer
- Secure your caterer
- Decide on your wedding invitations
- Create your gift registry
- Shop for bridesmaid/flower girl dresses and give your attendants clear instructions on how to place their order
- Arrange and book any necessary transportation and accommodations

\_\_ Go over bridal shower/bachelorette details and the guest list with the person(s) hosting your party

### **3 – 5 Months To Go...**

\_\_ Have Bridal Shower

\_\_ Book your rehearsal and rehearsal dinner location(s)

\_\_ Compile your rehearsal dinner guest list

\_\_ Order wedding favors for your guests

\_\_ Shop and reserve men's formalwear

\_\_ Finalize menu, beverage and catering details

\_\_ Finalize honeymoon plans and obtain all necessary documents (are your passports up to date?)

\_\_ Reserve your Day of Transportation

### **6 – 8 Weeks To Go...**

\_\_ Mail out your invitations!! Have a plan for recording the RSVPs and meal choices

\_\_ Make nail and haircut appointment for before the wedding

\_\_ Touch base with your vendors to confirm date, deposits and details

\_\_ Buy any necessary undergarments for your wedding day

\_\_ Confirm your wedding party has ordered all their necessary attire

\_\_ Write thank you cards for shower gifts and any early wedding gifts received

\_\_ Finalize décor plans

\_\_ Order wedding gift thank you cards (if non-photo)

### **3 to 5 Weeks To Go**

\_\_ Send out rehearsal dinner invitations

\_\_ Do your hair and makeup trial

\_\_ Finalize and confirm

- Wedding vows and readings with your Officiant
- Shot list with your Photographer/Videographer
- Song list for ceremony, cocktail hour and reception with your DJ and/or Band/Musicians
- Wedding night and honeymoon accommodations

\_\_ Obtain marriage license and complete name-change document, if applicable

\_\_ Pick up your wedding rings and proofread any engraving

\_\_ Purchase your guest book, toasting flutes, cake servers, unity candle, etc.

\_\_ Purchase gifts for your bridal party

Have your final dress fitting. Bring your shoes and accessories for the full impact

Follow up with anyone who hasn't sent in their RSVP if necessary

### **1 – 2 Weeks To Go...**

Give your caterer/venue the final guest count

Arrange seating and create the seating chart and/or place cards

Pick up your wedding gown!!

Confirm arrival times and finalize wedding timeline with vendors and the wedding party

Put together your own bridal emergency kit

Check the weather report, and if things are questionable contact your venue to make sure contingency plans are in place

Start packing for your honeymoon

Have your bachelor and bachelorette parties

Treat yourself to a facial and/or a massage

### **The Day Before...**

Have rehearsal dinner and enjoy all those you are sharing this special time with

Make sure all wedding day items are packed, laid out and ready to go. Don't forget the rings and marriage license!

Pick up men's formalwear

Figure out tips and final payments for vendors. Put them in clearly marked envelopes and give them to the Best Man or another person you trust to hand them out at the reception

Designate someone to return your groom's tux and other rental items the day after the wedding

Go treat yourself to a manicure and pedicure

Try to go to bed early

### **Your Wedding Day...**

Allow plenty of time to get ready

Make sure you visit with everyone at your wedding

Stop, take a deep breath and enjoy every moment!!

### **After the Honeymoon...**

\_\_ Write and send thank-you cards

\_\_ Exchange or return any unwanted gifts

\_\_ Have your wedding dress cleaned and preserved by a reputable company

\_\_ Keep in touch with your Photographer and Videographer to work on albums, DVDs, etc

\_\_ Enjoy being married!!