

# Brides Checklist

## 12 – 18 months

- Purchase Engagement Rings
- Take Engagement Photos
- Send Engagement Announcement to Newspaper
- Send Engagement Announcement by email to friends
- Set Wedding Budget
- Set Wedding Date
- Decide type of Wedding ( Informal or Formal)
- Interview Wedding Consultants
- Determine number of guest to be invited
- Select Ceremony Site
- Select Reception Site
- Choose Caterer
- Choose Photographer
- Choose Videographer

## 6 – 12 months

- Final Selection on Wedding Rings
- Open joint bank accounts
- Take dancing lessons for first dance if you wish (start practicing)
- Choose and order Wedding Gown
- Reserve Limousine/ Wedding Transportation
- Choose color theme for wedding
- Choose bridal party
- Select Bridesmaid Dresses
- Plan details of decorations ( Balloons, Flowers)
- Select Florist
- Select Musicians ( Live Band, DJ, Harpist)
- Select Officiant (Pastor, Judge) for wedding ceremony
- Select Hair & Make-up Artist
- Shop for Trousseau & Going away attire

## 4 – 6 months

- Consult with Attorneys ( Prenuptial Agreement and other legal matters)
- Select Bridal Registry items
- Select Music for Wedding Ceremony and Reception
- Reserve rental equipment if needed
- Prepare accommodations for Out of Town Guest
- Plan Bridal Shower Party
- Plan Bridesmaid luncheon
- Purchase Veil and Bridal Accessories – See Bridal Accessories Checklist
- Purchase gifts for Bridal Party – See Gift Ideas
- Make appointment for practice session for Hair & Make-up
- Order Wedding Favors
- Review plans for Wedding Ceremony & Reception
- Have Mothers choose their own dresses
- Make Honeymoon Plans

## 2 – 3 months

- Pick-up wedding rings – make sure they fit and are engraved correctly
- If changing your name – Order name change kit – See Name Change Checklist
- Update Immunization for out of country travel
- Send out Invitations to Out of Town Guest
- Make out a photographer 's Checklist – See Photographers Checklist
- Purchase Gifts for each other
- Apply for Marriage License
- Address & Send out Invitations
- Select & Coordinate Wedding Ceremony Program
- Appoint Guestbook Attendants for Wedding Ceremony & Reception
- Confirm Out of Town Guest accommodations
- Get your Hair Trimmed
- Confirm & Finalize details with Florist
- Confirm Rehearsal Program Officiant
- Confirm Guest count with Caterer/Restaurant
- Final Fitting for Bridesmaids Dresses & Wedding Gown
- Select Tux Styles for Groomsmen & Fathers
- Finalize Wedding Day Schedule (Itinerary)
- Confirm Transportation Schedule
- Reserve restaurant for rehearsal dinner
- Have Bridal Shower
- Have Bachelor Party (Groom)
- Change mailing address if moving
- Have Formal Wedding Portrait taken
- Review Checklist for Wedding Day Ceremony & Reception
- Make reservations for Bridesmaids luncheon
- Complete Trousseau shopping
- Purchase Floater Insurance for wedding gifts (if necessary)
- Hire security for wedding reception (if necessary)

## 1 Month

- Call guests that have not yet RSVP'd
- Get your teeth cleaned/whiten
- Confirm honeymoon plans & pick-up airline tickets
- Assign Wedding day helpers
- Keep track of gifts received and start on thank you notes
- Arrange for a professional to preserve and heirloom your Gown & Bouquet
- Pick-up Bridesmaids Dresses & Wedding Gown (Already Pressed)
- Start seating arrangement & prepare seating name cards
- Confirm final details with Florist
- Confirm final details with Photographer
- Confirm final details with Officiant
- Confirm final details with Videographer
- Confirm final details with Baker
- Confirm final details with Restaurant/Caterer
- Confirm final details with Coordinator
- Confirm final details for Wedding Transportation

- Confirm final details with Bridal party
- Confirm final details with Wedding Helpers
- Confirm final details with Rental Equipment Company
- Confirm final details with Musicians
- Double Check Attire and Accessories for Bridal Party & Yourself
- Confirm schedule for Hair & Make-up Artist
- Plan and create Wedding Day Itinerary (15 minute interval)
- Get a Facial

### **1 Week**

- Final Guest count with Caterer/Restaurant
- Arrange for Postal Office to hold or forward your email during your honeymoon
- Relax – take a long leisurely bath
- Re-confirm with Travel Agent or Airlines
- Review all seating arrangement with ushers and helpers
- Pack for Honeymoon Trip
- Arrange for Bridal Party, Parents & Family and Photographer and Videographer to all meet at a designated location (when taking pictures prior to the Wedding ceremony)

### **1 – 2 Days**

- Get a Manicure & Pedicure
- Get a Massage
- Attend Wedding Rehearsal Dinner
- Pick-up Rental Tux for Groomsmen (Groom or Bestman)
- Prepare Final payment in individual envelopes for each Professional

### **Wedding Day**

- Nice long bath or shower - Relax
- Go to Hair & Make-up appointment
- Get Dressed
- Have Fun – It's your Wedding Day!