

### **ONE MONTH BEFORE**

- apply for marriage license
- have final fitting for gown and dresses
- complete all physical appointments
- complete all dental appointments
- hand out agenda sheets for the wedding day to photographers, dj's, officiant, master of ceremonies & attendants
- check for all reception accessories
- break in wedding shoes, wear socks
- arrange for someone take your dress to the cleaners after the reception
- make arrangements to board any pets
- have bridesmaids attend final fitting
- arrange for a house sitter

### **TWO WEEKS BEFORE**

- pick up gown & bridesmaids dresses
- pick up flight tickets, travellers cheques
- call guests who have not replied
- have trial hair styles & make up

### **ONE WEEK BEFORE**

- count final acceptances, caterer will need
- final count for the dinner - let caterer know of any dietary restrictions
- pack for honeymoon
- make up emergency kit to take with you
- have groom have his hair cut
- lots of sleep, don't wear yourself out
- have facials, skin treatments, waxing
- give nail polish & lipstick to bridesmaids
- confirm all details with professionals

### **THE DAY BEFORE**

- rehearsal & rehearsal dinner
- give gifts to attendants / parents
- get manicure / pedicure / massage
- have groom & groomsmen pick up tuxedos
- set up reception hall

### **ON YOUR WEDDING DAY**

- have a good, healthy breakfast
- have hair and make-up done at least three hours ahead
- allow yourself and bridesmaids plenty of time to dress - two hours
- groom should ensure that rings and license are given to best man
- have flowers delivered or picked up, bouquets, corsages & boutonnieres
- give best man the officiants fee in a sealed envelope, the ring & marriage license
- transfer your engagement ring to your right hand before ceremony begins

### **ONE HOUR BEFORE**

Ushers arrive at church to place programs in the pews and pin on their boutonnieres

### **30 MINUTES BEFORE**

Organist begins playing soft music. Guest begin arriving and are ushered to their seats, beginning with seats directly behind those reserved for family. Grooms family on the right hand side, brides on the left.

### **25 MINUTES BEFORE**

Mother of the bride and bridesmaids leave for the church

### **20 MINUTES BEFORE**

Bride and her father leave for the church, arriving early, circling the block if necessary.

The groom and his best man arrive at the church.

### **5 MINUTES BEFORE**

Last minute guests arrive, all family members and wedding party are accounted for.

The processional music begins.

### **1 MINUTE BEFORE**

The bride and her father enter the church. The groom and the best man stand ready.

### **THE CEREMONY BEGINS!**