

Groom's Checklist

TWELVE TO EIGHTEEN MONTHS

- 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 (eg. limousine, horse and carriage) if a unique mode of transportation is desired, book extra early for availability.

NINE TO TWELVE MONTHS

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

SIX TO NINE MONTHS BEFORE

- shop for wedding rings (size and engravings)
- complete the guest list with full names, address and phone numbers
- select men's attire (with help from fiancée, 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 groom's 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 fiancée if gifts are being exchanged
- if moving - pick up change address cards at post office

ONE MONTH BEFORE

- break in your dress shoes by wearing thick socks
- pick up marriage license with fiancée

TWO WEEKS BEFORE

- gather documents and marriage license
- arrange details for your wedding day transportation
- purchase travellers cheques

ONE WEEK BEFORE

- go over all details, double check your honeymoon plans
- pack for honeymoon
- have your hair cut
- make sure that 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 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 begin arriving, ushered to their seats beginning with seats directly behind those reserved for the family, groom's family on the right hand side and brides on the left.

15 MINUTES BEFORE

- the groom and the best man arrive at the church

1 MINUTE BEFORE

- the groom and the best man stand ready at the front of the church.

THE CEREMONY BEGINS!

Relax and have fun!