



WEDDING CHECKLIST

PLAN *your* EASTERN SHORE WEDDING WITH *our* PREMIER WEDDING VENDORS

YOU'RE ENGAGED! What's Next?

- Announce your engagement to family and close friends
- Publish your announcement in local paper
- Discuss with your fiancé the number of guests you'd like to invite and how large a wedding party you wish to have
- Discuss where you'd like to be married, venue options, etc.
- Discuss and set a tentative budget
- Decide how expenses will be shared

10-12 Months Before

- Select color scheme and wedding theme
- Decide on your wedding date and book your venue for ceremony & reception. Book venue as early as you can since the Eastern Shore is a popular wedding destination!
- Decide if you are going to work with a wedding planner
- Download the MESW's Vendor Guide from MyEasternShoreWedding.com
- Choose your wedding party by asking your dearest friends and family
- Firm up budget, make any adjustments necessary

- Book your minister or officiant
- Book wedding entertainment
- Book photographer

8-10 Months Before

- Create wedding website for everyone to enjoy and keep informed
- Start planning your honeymoon, ask a travel agent about peak season destinations
- Select your dress and accessories- some dresses need long lead times for ordering and alterations
- Select your wedding party's attire and accessories
- Finalize your guest list
- Send out Save-the-Dates
- Create your wedding registry
- Finalize your vendors in each category

6-8 Months Before

- If leaving the country on your honeymoon, make sure your passports are up to date
- Finalize honeymoon plans and purchase tickets
- Shop for bridal lingerie
- Order mother-of-the-bride attire
- Order wedding bands

- Have your tasting & discuss menu
- Schedule an engagement session with your photographer

3-6 Months Before

- Meet with DJ/Band to discuss your playlist. Meet with ceremony musicians and select music for service
- Reserve suite for wedding night
- Order invitations
- Discuss rehearsal dinner (this is usually held by the groom's family)-- guest list is customarily close family and any out of town guests
- Finalize flowers in your bouquet, taking into account your overall color scheme and theme
- Discuss table centerpieces with your florist
- Choose a salon for hair and make-up and schedule a trial
- Make any transportation arrangements-- reserve limousine, buses if desired
- Meet with wedding planner to discuss details and tentative timeline for "day-of"
- Decide on shape and theme of wedding cake
- Discuss rehearsal dinner menu
- Dance lessons for you and your fiancé!?
- Shop for any detail items that you may be using to enhance your wedding theme, i.e. favors, decorations, candles, guest book, cake knife, etc.
- Update your wedding website

2 Months Before

- Mail invitations
- First fitting for wedding dress
- Research wedding license requirements
- Order ceremony programs, signage, and/or place cards

- Order wedding cake
- Review details for boutonnieres and bridesmaids bouquets with florist
- Finalize rehearsal dinner plans
- Attend bridal shower
- Check in with officiant and inform about special readings for ceremony

1 Month Before

- Final fitting for gown
- Get marriage license
- Purchase gifts for bridesmaids and groomsmen
- Pamper yourself with bubble baths, massages, champagne and candles
- Have a facial and body scrub with beautician
- Meet/talk with photographer about your "day-of" timeline and finalize all details
- Update wedding website
- Make Welcome Bags for out-of-town guests
- Purchase wedding gifts for one another
- Check in with each vendor by phone or email to make sure everything is in place

1 Week Before

- Confirm with caterer/venue the final number of guests
- Confirm rehearsal dinner plans, details, timeline
- Confirm honeymoon plans and begin packing
- Create an emergency kit for bridal dressing room with scissors, needle and tread, tapes, shoe tape, safety pins, manicure set, hairspray, etc.
- Check in with venue and/or wedding planner

A Day or Two Before

- Get some rest & pamper yourself!
- Pack bags for honeymoon, etc. and for your wedding day
- If you need to pick up any final items like programs, etc., do so now
- Finalize arrival time and transportation for rehearsal and rehearsal dinner

The Day-Of

- Marry your true love!!

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