



# WEDDING PLANNING VENDOR CHECKLIST

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# Your Ultimate Wedding Planning Journey



Planning a wedding comes with countless moving pieces—and this checklist is here to keep you on track. From securing your dream venue to booking your key vendors and fine-tuning the final details, it's designed to help you stay organized every step of the way. Use it as a guide, check things off as you go, and remember—this is your day, so adjust timelines and priorities to fit your vision.

## 12+ Months Out – Dream Big

- Book your venue (visit multiple before deciding)
- Consider hiring a wedding planner
- Draft initial guest list
- Set a realistic budget

**Bonus Tip:** Explore multiple venues before committing—find the one that truly speaks to you.

## 9–11 Months Out – Lock in the Essentials

- Book photographer
- Book videographer
- Book DJ or live band
- Order wedding dress
- Schedule engagement photoshoot
- Research & reserve accommodation for your wedding night

**Bonus Tip:** Secure your videographer early to guarantee every moment is captured.

## 6–8 Months Out – Fine-Tune the Details

- Send save-the-dates
- Finalize guest list
- Start wedding registry
- Choose & order invitations

**Bonus Tip:** Lock in your guest list before ordering invites to avoid reprints.

### **3–5 Months Out – Confirm & Plan**

- Order wedding cake
- Plan honeymoon or mini-moon
- Confirm rentals (linens, chairs, etc.)
- Apply for marriage license

**Bonus Tip:** A mini-moon right after the wedding keeps the celebration going until you can take a longer honeymoon.

### **Final 2 Months – Perfect the Plan**

- Final dress fitting
- Create wedding day timeline
- Confirm vendor arrival times
- Arrange seating chart

**Bonus Tip:** Keep seating flexible to encourage mingling.

### **Final Week – Gather Your Essentials**

- Pack wedding emergency kit
- Write vows
- Prepare final vendor payments
- Delegate day-of tasks to trusted helpers

**Bonus Tip:** Pack a morning-after kit with toothpaste, toothbrush, chargers, and other essentials.

### **Day Of – Enjoy the Moment**

- Eat a good breakfast/lunch
- Stay hydrated
- Smile & be present in the moment
- Assign a point person for last-minute issues

**Bonus Tip:** Have a close friend or family member handle surprises so you can focus on your day.