

Bride's Wedding Day Countdown Checklist

Wedding Date: _____

Twelve to Eighteen Months

- Tell your families and friends about the engagement.
- Select your wedding date—call Riverside Center and your preferred ceremony location to reserve available dates.
- Determine your wedding style—formal, informal, theme, and color scheme.
- Contact musicians, florist, photographer, and transportation service providers.
- Start planning your honeymoon – book as early as possible; record confirmation.
- Obtain passport if required.
- Shop for and order wedding gown and accessories.
- Select attendants— Maid of Honor, Best Man, Bridesmaids, Grooms-men, Flower Girl, Ring Bearer.
- Book wedding day transportation.

Six to Twelve Months

- Reserve wedding night suite.
- Select wedding party attire.
- Schedule fittings for wedding party.
- Order wedding invitations and other stationery.
- Finalize guest list.
- Address invitations (include maps).
- Register for gifts.
- Set date, time and location of rehearsal dinner.

Three to Six Months

- Order wedding cake, party favors, rental items and any additional room decorations that Riverside Center may not already provide.
- Check blood test and marriage license requirements.
- Purchase wedding rings.
- Purchase gifts for attendants.
- Plan activities for out-of-town guests (before/after wedding).
- Send “Reserve the Date” cards, if you so choose.

Two Months

- Mail invitations. Track RSVPs and donors of gifts.
- Decide where and when guests will sign guest registry. Select attendant for guest registry.
- Schedule hair and makeup appointments for week of wedding day.
- Schedule formal wedding portraits.
- Obtain marriage license.
- Notify attendants and invited rehearsal dinner guests of time and location of rehearsal dinner.
- Plan luncheon with bridesmaids, if desired.
- Call local newspaper to obtain requirements for engagement announcement.

One Month

- Make a detailed schedule of the wedding day for wedding party, service providers and yourself.
- Pick up rings and check fit.
- Finalize details with service providers.
- Pick up wedding attire and check fit.
- Notify Riverside Center of final guest count.
- Plan seating arrangements and place cards.
- Confirm honeymoon reservations and pack travel bags.

One to Two Weeks

- Bride and Mother of Bride– call invitees who have not yet returned RSVPs.
- Go over “To Do” checklist one final time to make sure that all arrangements are in order.

Wedding Rehearsal and Dinner

- Normally held the evening prior to your wedding.
- Coordinate seating placement and last-minute details.

Wedding Day

- Pass the torch to someone else for “final touches”.
- Relax, breathe, and ENJOY your wedding!