

Wedding Checklist

There are so many things to remember when planning for a wedding. Start checking off the things you've accomplished already using the below checklist.

Announcing your Wedding

- Take an Engagement Photograph
- Write up an Engagement Announcement
- Write up Wedding Announcement
- Send Wedding Announcement to Newspaper
- Send Save the Date Cards to Potential Guests
- Create a Free Wedding Website *(If Desired)*

Planning your Wedding

- Make a Rough Plan (Use the planner on page 4 to get started)
- Set Budget
- Decide on Wedding Location
- Reserve Wedding Location
- Confirm With Wedding Location
- Decide on a Wedding Date
- Choose Wedding Party *(Bridesmaids, groomsmen etc...)*
- Decide Wedding Roles *(Pinner, Gift Watcher, host couple etc...)*
- Decide if you will be including any cultural traditions in your wedding ceremony or reception & prepare them.

Coordinating your Wedding

- Choose Your Officiant
- Confirm Date With Officiant
- Attend Pre-marriage Sessions *(If Required)*
- Choose Photographer
- Confirm with Photographer
- Choose Videographer
- Confirm with Videographer
- Choose Caterer
- Confirm with Caterer
- Decide on Guest list
- Order Invitations
- Send Invitations 3 months prior to wedding
- Order Thank You Cards
- Plan Rehearsal Dinner
- Reserve Rehearsal Dinner
- Have Rehearsal Dinner
- Purchase Wedding ancillaries
(Guest Book etc...)

Planning the Reception

- Decide on Reception Location
- Reserve Reception Location
- Confirm With Reception Location
- Decide on Flowers and Decorations
- Confirm Delivery of Flowers & Decorations
- Choose Entertainment
- Confirm with Entertainment
- Meet with Cake Bakers and select one.
- Order the Cake
- Confirm Delivery of the Cake

Planning Attire

- Find & Order Your wedding dress
- Find & Rent/Order Bridesmaids Dresses
- Find & Rent/Order Grooms Tuxedos/ Suits
- Tell Groomsmen To Get Fitted for Tuxedos
- Get alterations on your dress
- Final Fitting of Wedding Dress
- Order Wedding Bands
- Fit & Size Wedding Bands

Planning the Honeymoon

- Decide on Honeymoon Location
- Book Honeymoon Destination
- Confirm Honeymoon Reservations
- Make Travel Arrangements
- Pack for Honeymoon

Taking Care of Legal Business

- Apply for Marriage License
- Confirm Receipt of Marriage License
- Arrange Name & address Change *(Drivers License etc...)*

Miscellaneous

- Arrange Transportation
- Start Gift Registries at a Few Stores.
- Brides, Buy Gifts for Your Bridesmaids and Maid of Honor
- Grooms, Buy Gifts for Your Groomsmen and Best Man
- Apply Makeup & Dress for the Ceremony at Least an Hour or Two Early
- Be Happy and Try to Stay Relaxed. It's your BIG DAY!
- Send Thank You Notes After the Wedding



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WEDDING TIPS

Before discussing table settings for their weddings, many couples find it helpful to brush up on some floral terminology before visiting florists.

It can make you appear more knowledgeable and prepared if you understand what will be discussed and are able to choose what you want. It also helps to ensure your money is being spent in the best way possible.

Here are some common and some lesser known florist terms that can be advantageous to know.

- **Biedermeier:** A nosegay arranged tightly with concentric circles of differently colored flowers. The flowers are wired into a holder with only one type of flower in each ring.
- **Bouquet:** A dense bunch of blooms that are kept together in a bouquet holder, wired or tied with ribbon.
- **Crescent:** One full flower and a flowering stem wired together to form a slender handle that is held in one hand.
- **Garden:** A centerpiece featuring wildflowers.
- **Nosegay:** Small, round bouquets composed of densely packed round flowers and fill.
- **Oasis:** Specialized foam that is used in bouquet holders and centerpieces to retain water and keep blooms fresh.
- **Pomander:** A flower-covered ball that is suspended from a ribbon. It is often carried by child attendants.
- **Posies:** Smaller than nosegays but similar in design.
- **Presentation:** A bunch of long-stemmed flowers cradled in the bride's arms. It's sometimes known as a pageant bouquet.
- **Topiary:** Flowers trimmed into geometric shapes.
- **Tossing:** A smaller copy of the bride's bouquet to use in the bouquet toss.
- **Tussy mussy:** A small, metallic holder to carry a posy.

Wedding/Engagement Announcement Form

This information will be used for a wedding/engagement announcement in the Paynesville Press or the Eden Valley Watkins Voice.

**Denotes required information.*

*Contact Name _____ *Phone # _____

*Wedding Date _____ *Date to Run # ____ / ____ / ____

*Church _____ *Town _____

Person(s) announcing the engagement _____

Bride's Information

Groom's Information

*Name _____ *Name _____

*Hometown _____ *Hometown _____

Lived in Paynesville? _____

Lived in Paynesville? _____

From _____ to _____ From _____ to _____

High School _____ High School _____

Graduation Year _____ Graduation Year _____

College _____ College _____

Graduation Year _____ Graduation Year _____

Degree(s) _____ Degree(s) _____

Employer _____ Employer _____

Job Title _____ Job Title _____

Parents _____ Parents _____

Parents' Town _____ Parents' Town _____

Local Grandparents? List names/towns.) _____ Local Grandparents? List names/towns.) _____

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