

THE GROOM'S CHECKLIST

Today's grooms are much more involved in the overall wedding planning than grooms of past. By assuming more responsibility most grooms see the reward in a calmer, happier bride-to-be. Here is a checklist to help you assist your lovely bride.

Twelve Months or More Ahead

- Select and purchase bride's rings (if not yet selected).
- Discuss division of financial obligations with fiancée and parents.
- Determine budget, date and number of guests with fiancée.
- Choose and secure reception location.
- Choose and book officiant.

Eight to Twelve Months Ahead

- Choose your best man & ushers (one per every 50 guests).
- Start planning your honeymoon.
- Start compiling your guest list.
- Arrange to pay for bride's bouquet, boutonnières and corsages.

Six to Eight Months Ahead

- Check passports & visas.
- Find a new place to live.
- Make reservations for honeymoon: buy tickets.
- Consult with fiancée and arrange lodging for out-of-town guests and attendants.
- Reserve limousine or special transportation for bridal party.
- Reserve special transportation to ceremony and reception for out-of-town guests.

Four to Six Months Ahead

- Select and order formalwear for yourself and men in wedding party.
- Shop for new home furnishings.
- Book room for wedding night.
- Set appointment for a complete physical exam.
- Start planning rehearsal dinner with parents.

Two to Four Months Ahead

- Confirm rehearsal dinner arrangements.
- Select your gift for the bride and gifts for your groomsmen.
- Review checklist items above to confirm completion of each detail.

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One to Two Months Ahead

- Set a date with your fiancée to get the marriage license; have lunch afterwards.
- Confirm reservations for rehearsal dinner.
- Pick up wedding rings and check engraving.
- Help fiancée with thank-you notes.
- Shop for honeymoon clothes.

Two Weeks Ahead

- Confirm honeymoon details; tickets, reservations, passports and rentals.
- Arrange to begin moving belongings to new home.
- Give or attend bachelor party or dinner.
- Schedule hair cut/styling appointment.
- Arrange with best man for transportation from reception to airport or hotel.
- Send change of address information to post office (if applicable).
- Double check attire and confirm size reservations have been made for all groomsmen.

One Week Ahead

- Confirm time/place of rehearsal, rehearsal dinner and wedding with attendants.
- Pack for honeymoon.
- Purchase traveler's checks.
- Get your going away clothes ready so you can change right after the reception.

Day Before Wedding

- Rehearsal and rehearsal dinner.
- Present gifts to attendants.
- Confirm pick up times with limousine and/or other transportation.
- Explain special seating arrangements for family and guests to your head usher.
- Pick up formalwear.

Day of Wedding

- Give best man the officiant's fee in a sealed envelope for delivery.

Other Responsibilities:
