



Groom's Check List

Planning a wedding can be hectic and confusing. San Diego Wedding Insider wants to help you get involved with the wedding preparation, bringing you closer to the bride during the planning process, while relieving her of some of the stress. Please use this check list to guide you through the months of your wedding planning process.

Most of the items on your list will be completed with the bride, but there are some special things added that you can complete by yourself, making the planning less stressful for both you and your fiancé.

Take this check list with you and mark each item off upon completion.

12 Months before the Big Day:

- Announce the engagement to family and friends
- Set a wedding date and help bride decide on date, style, color, budget and any traditions you would like to use
- Visit reception site
- Visit caterers with fiancé and decide on which one would be best
- Register with all of your favorite stores
- Discuss wedding sites with fiancé
- Take picture for engagement announcement
- Take bride to a fancy restaurant and start discussing the anticipation for the upcoming wedding planning

8 to 11 Months before the Big Day:

- Check with parents and friends and help bride establish a guest list
- Go shopping with groomsmen to select and order attire including tuxedos and shoes.
- Help plan honeymoon and make all reservations
- Plan a date at home with a home cooked meal by candlelight for your bride

4 to 7 Months before the Big Day:

- Begin dance lessons
- Make arrangements with your parents for rehearsal dinner including:
 - o Budget
 - o Guests
 - o Location
 - o Food
- Decide on bride's ring and order
- Get away for a break and take a short road trip to a cozy bed and breakfast, make sure that no wedding planning takes place, instead pamper each other

1 to 3 Months before the Big Day:

- Decide on groomsmen's gifts and purchase
- Buy gift for bride and groom to exchange
- Arrange final groom and groomsmen tuxedo fitting
- Pick up ring and make sure they are the correct size
- Help plan the bachelor party
- Make final arrangements with your parents for rehearsal dinner, including:
 - o Seating arrangement
 - o Toasting
 - o Who's paying the bill
- Pack for honeymoon if it is immediately after wedding
- Plan one night a week to just relax with each other and play games or rent movies

The Big Day:

- Allow about two hours to get dressed and ready for wedding
- Give bride's ring to maid of honor
- RELAX AND ENJOY THE DAY!!!