

wedding checklist

After your engagement

- contact Visit Canton to find wedding venues & hotel accommodations
- discuss possible dates
- explore wedding styles on the web
- create a wedding website
- decide on a budget
- put together your list of family & friends
- create a spreadsheet of guests' addresses

9-12 months before the wedding

- finalize the wedding date & officiant
- book the ceremony & reception venue(s)
- begin shopping for the wedding gown
- book photographer & videographer
- book caterer, if not provided at venue
- book entertainment (band or dj)
- choose your wedding party
- reserve a hotel room block for guests
- decide on wedding style & color palette
- create & send Save-the-Dates
- choose & order wedding party attire
- decide on décor & book florist

6-9 months before the wedding

- order invitations & buy postage
- plan honeymoon
- book transportation company
- choose bakery & order cake
- purchase wedding rings
- order favors & order gifts for attendants
- plan rehearsal dinner
- reserve rental items (lights, chairs, etc.)

3-6 months before the wedding

- meet with officiant to plan ceremony
- make reception song list & event order
- finalize reception menu
- discuss shot list with photographer
- create flower list & place final order
- create gift registry & link to your website
- schedule wedding gown alterations
- shop for shoes & accessories
- choose hair & make-up artists
- create a wedding weekend notebook

1-3 months before the wedding

- send invitations & record responses
- follow up on late RSVPs
- finalize seating arrangements
- create or order wedding programs
- purchase wedding license
- write vows & speeches
- have hair & make-up test run
- purchase or order thank you notes

In the final few weeks

- confirm all vendors by phone or email
- give final guest count to caterers
- finalize rehearsal & wedding timeline
- give copy of timeline to wedding party
- pack wedding day essentials - accessories & shoes, emergency items, sewing kit, clothes steamer, wedding rings, marriage license, copy of vows, wedding notebook
- arrange final payments & tips to vendors
- deliver guest welcome bags to hotel(s)
- pack for honeymoon
- have manicure/pedicure/relax