

You're Engaged!

Congratulations on your engagement! It's such an exciting time telling all your friends and family and showing off your ring!

So what's nextrelax and enjoy the moment!

So many couples dive straight into planning, but take a moment to soak in the experience, emotions and joy.

Set a Budget for your wedding

Every wedding vendor will ask you what is your budget for your wedding or their service. You need to work out who is paying for the wedding and what you can afford. Do not think about the cards full of cash you may or may not get.

What can you actually afford to pay out?

Write a list of potential guests

When you start looking for venues, you need to know how many guests potentially you may have to rule out venues which can't accommodate you. For example, if you have 150 guests on your list, Paletta Mansion in Burlington would not work as it holds less than 100 guests.

Average Cost of vendors for a 150 person wedding

- Venue, food, alcohol \$25,000
- Wedding Planner \$3,500
- Wedding Coordinator if no planner \$1,200
- Photographer \$3,500
- Videographer \$2,750
- Hair & Makeup with trial \$600 (for the bride)
- DJ \$1500 or Band \$4,000+
- Ceremony music \$500
- Transportation \$800
- Florist/Décor \$4,000
- Rings \$600 each
- Men's Formalwear \$300 rental, or if purchasing \$800
- Dress & Accessories \$2,500
- Cake \$600
- Favours \$4-5 per person
- Stationery \$1,200 for letterpress/lasercut
- Officiant \$500
- Accommodation \$300

Wedding Checklist

12 months before

- Set the budget
- Write up a guest list
- Decide on the style of venue
- Start researching venue

4 months before

- Order the cake
- Plan Rehearsal Dinner
- Choose Groom & Groomsmen Suits
- Send Out Invitations

2 weeks before

- Final guest count to caterer
- Have facial/massage
- Break in shoes
- Finalise accessories

10 months before

- Book your Officiant
- Go Dress Shopping
- Select your Bridal Party
- Book your Photographer

2 months before

- Trial for Hair & Makeup
- Write vows
- Finalise all details with vendors
- Buy gifts for bridal party

1 week before

- Pick up dress
- Vendors paid and tips in envelopes
- Any last minute requests to Vendors

8 months before

- Book Caterer/Florist/DJ/Hair & Makeup
- Block Hotel rooms
- Make a registry if required
- Book any rentals required

6 weeks before

- Apply for Marriage Licence
- Print Stationary, menu cards, table #'s
- Bachelor/ette nights

24-48 hrs before

- Have Mani/Pedi
- Reconfirm pickup times
- Rehearsal and Dinner
- Give Bridal Party & Parents gifts

6 months before

- Shop for wedding bands
- Order invitations
- Order bridesmaid dresses
- Book Transportation
- Book Honeymoon

4 weeks before

- Final dress fitting
- Shot list for Photographer
- Seating Chart Final
- Chase no rsvp's

Your Wedding Day

- Exchange presents
- Rings to BM/MOH
- Eat small/light meal
- Beautify yourself
- Enjoy the ride!