

ULTIMATE WEDDING PLANNING

Checklist



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Just Engaged – Let's Get Started!

12+ Months Out

- Celebrate your engagement!
- Set a wedding budget and determine who's contributing
- Draft a preliminary guest list
- Decide on wedding season/date range
- Book your ceremony and reception venue(s)
- Hire a wedding planner (if using one)
- Create a wedding email address or folder for organization

9-12 Months Before

- Choose your wedding party
- Shop for and purchase your wedding dress
- Book photographer and/or videographer
- Hire caterer and DJ or live music
- Research and meet potential vendors at the Quinte Wedding Show
- Launch your wedding website & begin collecting guest info
- Send out Save the Dates (if doing them)

6-9 Months Before

- Book florist, hair and makeup artists, and officiant
- Reserve accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Purchase wedding attire for groom(s)/partner(s)
- Select and order bridesmaid and groomsmen attire
- Finalize guest list and begin addressing invitations
- Start planning honeymoon

3-6 Months Before

- Order wedding bands
- Schedule dress fittings
- Plan ceremony details and readings
- Design seating chart layout and décor plan
- Send formal invitations (8-12 weeks before wedding)
- Book transportation (limo, shuttle, etc.)

1-3 Months Before

- Apply for marriage license
- Finalize day-of timeline with vendors and planner
- Confirm all vendor services in writing

Final Weeks & Days Before

- Break in your wedding shoes
- Confirm final head count with caterer and venue
- Assemble seating chart and place cards
- Pack wedding emergency kit (tape, mints, touch-up makeup, etc.)
- Assign day-of point person (friend, planner, etc.)
- Attend rehearsal and rehearsal dinner

Wedding Day!

- Eat breakfast and hydrate!
- Give rings and marriage license to officiant
- Have a quiet moment alone before the ceremony
- Take deep breaths — and soak it all in!

Notes:

Use this checklist to guide your planning, and meet vendors at the Quinte Wedding Show who can help you bring it all to life!