


## SIX - TWELVE MONTHS BEFORE

- Schedule pre-marital counseling or classes
- Attend a bridal show
- Establish a wedding budget
- Determine type of wedding: size, style, formality, colors, or theme
- Set wedding date and time
- Secure ceremony location
- Determine ceremony officiant
- Secure reception location
- Determine wedding party: bridesmaids, groomsmen, ushers, personal attendants etc
- Start compiling guest list: bride's, groom's, bride's family, groom's family
- Order, address and mail save-the-dates
- Hire wedding planner or consultant
- Order wedding dress
- Order bridesmaids dresses
- Order groom's tuxedo
- Order groomsmen's and ushers' tuxedos
- Order flower girl & ring bearer attire
- Secure photographer

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### FIVE MONTHS BEFORE

- Secure florist
- Secure band, musicians or disc jockey
- Secure videographer
- Secure caterer, if not reception venue
- Secure wedding cake baker
- Plan honeymoon details and make reservations
- Purchase wedding rings
- Decide where to live after the wedding
- Order bridal accessories: shoes, veil, headpiece, undergarments etc
- Schedule engagement photo session
- Order bridesmaids' accessories

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### FOUR MONTHS BEFORE

- Finalize guest list
- Reserve accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Complete your gift registries
- Order invitations, respond cards, maps etc
- Reserve bridal party transportation to ceremony and reception
- Reserve centerpieces for reception tables etc
- Reserve party rentals: decorations, tables, chairs, linens, tents, portable restrooms etc
- Set ceremony rehearsal date and time with officiant and ceremony location
- Make rehearsal dinner reservations, date, time and location
- Submit newspaper engagement announcement
- Determine guest favors

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### THREE MONTHS BEFORE

- Select mothers' gowns
- Prepare pre-wedding itinerary, map and entertainment guide for out-of-town guests
- Schedule bride & groom physical checkups, and dental checkups
- Apply for marriage license
- Confirm ceremony location date & time
- Confirm menu details with caterer or reception venue
- Confirm wedding cake details with baker, delivery, date & time
- Finalize photographer details, date & time
- Finalize videographer details, date & times
- Finalize musician details, date & times
- Finalize florist details, delivery, date & time
- Purchase attendants' gifts
- Confirm delivery of wedding party attire and schedule fittings
- Send thank you notes as gifts are received

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## TWO MONTHS BEFORE

- Address & mail invitations: should be mailed 6-8 weeks before wedding date
- Plan bachelorette party
- Plan bachelor party
- Discuss ceremony details with officiant
- Write or review wedding vows
- Select special readings and readers
- Select special music and musicians
- Set wedding reception timetable
- Purchase bride & groom gifts to each other
- Purchase wedding accessories: unity candle, guest book, decorations etc
- Purchase ring pillow & flower basket
- Schedule appointments for trial hair & makeup, as well as for your wedding day
- Confirm honeymoon arrangements
- Determine rehearsal attire
- Order rehearsal dinner invitations

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### ONE MONTH BEFORE

- Final wedding gown fitting
- Responsibility checklists for helpers
- Attend bachelor/bachelorette parties
- Give photographer checklist of photos wanted
- Consider pre-waxing, facial & beauty treatments
- Mail rehearsal dinner invitations
- Pick up wedding rings

### ONE-TWO WEEKS BEFORE

- Make wedding gift transportation arrangements
- Create seating arrangements and place cards
- Confirm bridal party clothing & accessories fit
- Confirm marriage license receipt
- Finalize wedding day transportation
- Pack for honeymoon & confirm tickets
- Call guests who have not yet responded
- Give caterer final head count
- Finalize details with photographer, florist, videographer, musicians etc
- Practice hair & makeup
- Size & fit wedding rings
- Schedule final waxing & facial treatments

### ONE DAY BEFORE

- Attend ceremony rehearsal and dinner

### THE BIG DAY

- Be sure to eat properly
- Attend hair & makeup appointments
- Make sure witnesses sign certificate
- Relax and enjoy whatever the day brings!

### AFTER THE WEDDING

- Send thank you notes as soon as possible
- Submit name/address changes for license, social security, insurance policies etc
- Submit newspaper wedding announcement
- Have gown cleaned and preserved
- List your used items in the Facebook group: Sell It - Lakes Area Celebrations**