

GROOM'S WEDDING PLANNING TIMELINE CHECKLIST

Six Months Before the Wedding

- Discuss plans with fiancé.
 - Decide date of wedding.
 - Start Guest list.
 - Discuss wedding expenses and budget, if sharing costs.
 - Shop for engagement and wedding rings.
 - Decide on best man and ushers.
 - Consult clergyman.
 - Plan honeymoon with fiancé, visit travel agency, and make hotel and travel reservations.
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Three Months Before The Wedding

- Discuss plans with fiancé.
 - Complete guest list with fiancé and both families
 - Visit formal wear shop with your bride-to-be and decide on outfits for you, best man, and ushers. Renting formal wear is acceptable.
 - Get a physical.
 - Get birth certificate and possibly a passport.
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Two Months Before Wedding

- Buy gifts for best man and ushers.
 - Buy gift for fiancé.
 - Buy luggage.
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One Month Before Wedding

- Discuss plans with fiancé and best man.
 - Decide what persons will be seated in reserved pews and inform ushers.
 - Get marriage license.
 - Insure rings and wedding gifts if feasible.
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Two Weeks Before Wedding

- If you or your friends decide to give a bachelor dinner, it should be several days before the wedding. It should not be given a day or two before the wedding. A bad hangover, or several would not help the wedding.
 - Keep the best man informed of all plans.
 - Confirm travel tickets, hotel, and limousine reservations.
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One Day Before Wedding

- Attend an early rehearsal dinner.
- After the rehearsal present gifts to fiancé, best man and ushers.

After the rehearsal dinner no matter how often you are coaxed by friends to have more drinks or to meet at another location for drinks, do not go. It is the obligation of you and the best man to discourage further parties. I can not emphasize this too strongly. There have been too many sick and sad faces on the wedding day. Many times either the groom, best man or ushers are "no shows."

Wedding Day

- Give wedding ring to best man.
 - Give clergyman's fee in a sealed envelope to best man who will privately give it to the clergyman before or after the wedding.
 - Smile, Smile, Smile. You will make the bride even happier.
 - Be sure to smile as your bride comes down the aisle.
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