

Wedding Planning Essentials Checklist

Must Have Essentials

- Ceremony Venue
- Reception Venue
- Wedding Attire
- Wedding Rings/Tattoos/Etc.
- Dinner Catering
- Dessert Catering
- Beverages (Alcoholic/Nonalcoholic)
- Entertainment (DJ/Band/Speakers/Etc.)
- Invitations
- Officiant
- Photographer
- Applying for Marriage License



Commonly Included

- Wedding Party and Attire
- Florist or DIY Florals (Centerpieces/Bouquets/Boutonnieres/Etc.)
- Other Wedding Décor (Other Centerpiece Options)
- Wedding Arch
- Unity Ceremony Items (Sand Ceremony/Handfasting/Etc.)
- Linens (Tablecloths/Napkins/Etc.)
- Portable Restrooms (if not included with venues)
- Tents/Tables/Chairs (if not included with venues)
- Dancefloor (if not included with venues)

- Decorative Lighting
- Wedding Planner and/or Wedding Coordinator



Optional Add-Ons

- Videographer
- Save-The-Dates
- Cocktail Hour Catering (Charcuterie/Snack Bar/Etc.)
- Late Night Catering (Pizza/Tacos/S'mores/Etc.)
- Bar Tender
- Photobooth
- Transportation (For Wedding Party/Guests/Etc.)
- Hotel Block or Accommodations (For Wedding Party/Guests/Etc.)
- Hair and Makeup Artist
- Wedding Favors for Guests
- Wedding Signage (Place Cards/Menus/Programs/Seating Charts/Signs)
- Security Guards (may be **required** by venue)
- Event Decorator
- Wedding Website (can be Invitation alternative)
- Wedding Attire Alterations (if not already included with purchase or rental)
- Plates/Silverware/Glasses (if not already included with catering)
- Yard Games or Additional Entertainment
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