

Wedding Day Checklist: What Not to Forget

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☐ Marriage License & IDs

Pack your marriage license and both your photo IDs in your wedding bag now. No license = no legal “I Do.” Get a marriage license holder so you don’t misplace it!

☐ A Day-Of Contact (That’s Not You)

Assign a maid of honor, planner, or trusted friend as your point of contact so you can stay blissfully unaware (and on time).

☐ Meals for Your Vendors

Photographers, planners, musicians — they’re working long hours and will need a hot meal. Double-check your catering order includes vendor meals.

☐ The Overnight Bag

Pack [comfy shoes or slippers](#), makeup wipes, change of clothes, [cute getaway outfit](#), snacks, phone charger, all inside a [cute duffel or weekender bag](#).

☐ The Ceremony Decor

Don’t forget ceremony essentials like a table for unity candle or sand ceremony, microphone or speaker, reserved seating signs for family.

P.S. Get the FREE [50+ Things to Not Forget for Your Wedding Decor Checklist!](#)

☐ Vow Copies (Printed or Handwritten)

Bring your vow script, whether printed or handwritten, so you don’t forget your words.

☐ Someone to Pack Up at the End

Designate someone to gather leftover [favors](#), guestbook, cake topper, extra programs, bouquet, and card box.

☐ **A Rain Plan (Just in Case)**

Have a backup plan for outdoor weddings: tent rental, indoor alternative, or [clear umbrellas](#).

☐ **A Touch-Up Kit**

Include lipstick, deodorant, fashion tape, blotting sheets, safety pins, tampons, tide pen. Bonus: assign your MOH to manage it. Read: [20 Things You Must Pack in Your Wedding Bag](#)

☐ **Cash for Tips**

Prepare envelopes with gratuities for hairstylist, officiant, DJ, and delivery drivers. (Not sure who gets a tip? Read our [Ultimate Wedding Tipping Guide](#).)

☐ **Breakfast (Seriously, Eat)**

Don't forget to eat on your wedding morning. Fuel up with coffee and bagels if possible.

☐ **A Pair of Backup Shoes**

Pack flats or [sneakers](#) for comfort after several hours of dancing.

☐ **A Timeline for the Wedding Party**

Print a [simple schedule](#) for bridesmaids, groomsmen, and family with key times (arrival, getting dressed, first look, ceremony, reception).

☐ **Your Ring Cleaner or Wipe**

Keep your rings sparkling for close-up photos.

☐ **Reserved Seats at the Ceremony**

Save front row seats for immediate family with reserved signs ([these](#) are cheap and go with everything).

☐ **Emergency Weather Add-Ons**

Bring sunscreen and bug spray for summer or blankets and hand warmers for winter.

☐ **A List of Must-Have Photos**

Make a shot list for your photographer with family names and special photo requests. (Not sure: see the [50 Most Important Wedding Photos to Get on Your Big Day](#)).

☐ **Music for Getting Ready**

Create a playlist in advance to keep good vibes while prepping.

☐ **Your Phone (But Give It Away)**

Have your phone but hand it off so you're not distracted.

☐ **A Quiet Moment Together**

Take 10 minutes post-ceremony alone with your partner to soak it all in.

☐ **Gratitude**

Pause and be grateful for the love, the people, and the memories. This is your day!

Have questions along the way? Just ask! We're here to help.

xo

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