



Wedding Planning Check List

Month	✓	Some Words of Advice
Month 12 or Immediately after Engagement		decide on what style of wedding
		decide on budget
		choose members of wedding party
		wedding/reception location,
		wedding date & time
		transportation
		begin interviewing wedding consultants (optional)
		start thinking about your gown
		book photographers
		book band or disk jockey
		To be organized create an "idea book" or file for collection swatches, pictures, ideas etc.
		contact SarniaWeddings.com for a free copy of the Bridal Booklet (pocket calendar)
		start creating wedding guests list (keep budget in mind)
Month 11		email engagement announcement www.sarniaweddings.com
		start looking for a caterer
		officiant
		ceremony/reception site
		guest list
		music
		rentals if required (outdoor tents, lighting etc)
		quotes from florists
		quotes from photographers
		book a decorator
		wedding consultant
		decide on colour scheme,
		hire musicians or DJ's
Month 10		caterers
		officiant
		ceremony/reception site
		guest list
		music
		rentals if required
		shop for florists
		photographers
		dance lessons
Month 9		book now if haven't already done so - caterers, officiant, ceremony/reception site, music, rentals if required, florists
		finalize guest list
		decide on grooms and groomsmen attire
		start making own wine
		purchase wedding bands
Month 8		travel arrangements/do you need a passport?
		cake
		order gown
		start looking for bridesmaids dresses
		book beauty appointments (hair, nails, diet, skin care, makeup)
	send "save the date" cards or emails to wedding guests	

Month 7		travel arrangements/do you need a passport?
		cake
		purchase wedding bands
Month 6		travel arrangements/do you need a passport?
		book a baker and order cake
		order invitations
		honeymoon plans in place?
Month 5		Think about how you want to wear your hair
		decide on flower scheme
		reserve rental equipment
		book rehearsal dinner site
		book hotel for your wedding night
Month 4		book flights, make deposits if any required.
		complete guest list
		order wedding invitations
		finalize flowers arrangements styles
		reserve other rental equipment
		book rehearsal dinner site
		book hotel for your wedding night
		decide on grooms and groomsmen attire
		book flights
		order accessories for reception
Month 3		pen, guest book, cake knife, garter etc, order wedding favours
		Choose your bridesmaids accessories (shoes, gloves etc)
		schedule fittings
		provide guest list to bridesmaids for showers
		wedding day transportation arrangements
		obtain marriage license
		sign up for bridal registries
		prepare hand made favours
		pick up wedding invitations
		shop for special items (lingerie etc.)
		start addressing envelopes
		arrange for insurance policies (health, auto, homeowners and life)
		Grooms- shop for any accessories you will need: shoes, shirts, etc
Month 2		Arrange for wedding-day transportation for you, wedding party and guests
		send wedding bands out to be engraved
		mail invitation 6 - 8 weeks before
		apply for liquor license (30 days prior)
		send forthcoming wedding notice to Sarniaweddings.com
		write thank you notes as gifts come in
		buy gifts for wedding attendants and special guests
		choose all accessories, shoes and lingerie for bridal gown
		order liquor, wine and or champagne if they're not included in the catering contract.
Month 1		wrap gifts for bridal attendants and write personal note of thanks.
		change of address (manual or online)
		update registry lists as gifts come in
		write thank you notes as gifts come in
		have beauty consultant do a trial run on hair makeup. (be sure to take veil with you for trial run) cut
		pick up wedding gown
		finalize special ceremonial details with officiant, finalize plans for rehearsal, follow up meeting with officiant, pick up wedding rings, work out wedding day timing and details (who will get the bride there, where the wedding party will dress etc. draw up a schedule.

1 - 2 weeks before the wedding	create the master schedule for wedding day (list appointments, deliveries, photos, transportation etc.)
	fax, email transportation schedule to providers,
	prepare toasts, thanks to friends and family,
	plan receiving line,
	finalize seating chart, make final payments,
	confirm details with photographer be sure to confirm your "must take" photos,
	confirm with videographer,
	confirm delivery of flowers,
	make wedding day assignments for members of the wedding party,
	Brides practice walking in your shoes, have facials, skin treatment,
	Brides gather wedding gown, veil, shoes, stockings and emergency kit for last minute (aspirin, makeup, safety pins, mints, etc.)
	confirm travel places, shop and pack for honeymoon.
	Send invitation to those attending rehearsal party,
	final count to caterer, confirm head count,
	delivery time and location with the cakemaker.
Plan a party or get together to thank your attendants for all their help.	
Day Before Tasks	Grooms get your final haircut.
	drop off favours,
	guest book and pen at reception site,
	decorate reception hall (if available),
	rehearse the ceremony with the officiant and wedding party,
	attend rehearsal party,
Wedding Day tasks	relax and try to get some sleep!
	Have breakfast! finishing touches on decorating of halls
	decorate cars,
	hair and makeup at least 3 hours in advance,
	allow yourself and bridesmaids plenty of time to dress,
after the wedding	groom - give rings and license to best man
	confirm with people who you expect to give toast
	Arrange for someone to pick up your wedding dress and other personal belongings at the hotel after you depart,
	arrange to have gown and veil to be cleaned and preserved,
	Freeze top layer of wedding cake,
	preserve bridal bouquet and other wedding mementos,
	make sure all wedding bills have been paid in full,
	within two months of your wedding finish off those thank you notes,
Send gifts to your parents to thank them for their help and support.	
Send Sarniaweddings.com wedding announcement	