

plan the perfect day

{ Timely and careful planning for the big day will help ensure that you truly enjoy your wedding. Arrangements for a large, formal wedding should begin at least six months in advance. For an out-of-town wedding, a full year is recommended. }

six to 12 months

Decide on budget. _____

Decide type of wedding. informal formal

Select location of wedding. _____

Compile invitation lists.
 Bride's list Groom's List

Select attendants. _____

Choose gown, veil and accessories. _____

Choose attendants' gowns. _____

Choose men's formalwear. _____

Phone _____

Choose photographer. _____

Phone _____

Choose caterer. _____

Phone _____

Choose florist. _____

Phone _____

Choose bridal registry. _____

Phone _____

Choose music for wedding ceremony. _____

Phone _____

Make honeymoon plans. _____

four months

- Order invitations, wedding programs.
- Shop for trousseau.
- Look for new home or apartment, if needed.
- Shop for home furnishings.
- Set an appointment for a complete physical examination.
- Finalize honeymoon plans.
- Reserve transportation.
- Complete forms to announce your engagement in The Tampa Tribune's Getaway section. For details, call (813) 259-8050, visit TBO.com, Keyword: Wedding Form or see the advertisement on Page 64.

two months

- Address wedding invitations.
- Select gifts for attendants.
- Buy wedding rings.
- Get your marriage license (state laws vary as to length of validity).
- Reserve rental items for ceremony and reception. _____

- Order cakes. _____
Phone _____

one month

- Mail invitations.
- Arrange for final fittings on your gown. _____
- Remind bridesmaids of final gown fittings.
- Arrange lodging for out-of-town guests.
- Make reservations for rehearsal dinner. _____

- Have formal wedding portrait taken.
Date _____ Time _____

- Confirm honeymoon trip reservation/check luggage.

two weeks

- Record wedding gifts as you receive them and write thank-you notes promptly.
- Double check attire and accessories for all members of the wedding party.
- Review reception seating plans and prepare place cards, if necessary.
- Move your belongings to your new home.
- Schedule appointment with hairdresser, manicurist.

Hairdresser:
Date _____ Time _____

Manicurist:
Date _____ Time _____

- Arrange for name and address change on bank accounts, utilities, credit cards, driver's license and Social Security card.
- Make arrangements for a professional to preserve wedding gown.
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one week

- Have final consultation with caterer, florist, musicians and photographers.
- Give final count to reception facility or caterer.
- Begin packing for honeymoon trip.