

# windsor essex county WEDDING GUIDE

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## Reception Sequence of Events

Take note of the order and timing of the following events:

### 1. *Before the Bride & Groom Arrive*

Background music plays, refreshments, a gift table, the guestbook (from the ceremony) decorations await the guests.

### 2. *The Formal Introduction*

(Bride & Groom and/or Wedding Party). Review names with announcer. Know where you are to go upon entrance. Don't enter until you are certain the announcer knows you are entering.

### 3. *The Receiving Line*

After the introductions, you may wish for time with guests.

### 4. *The Toast to the Bride & Groom*

To be given by the best man. Make sure the best man is aware of his responsibilities.

### 5. *The Invocation*

Following the toasts, you may wish to have someone offer a blessing for the meal.  
Name of person \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. *The Meal Service*

(Buffet or Formal). Background music continues. The wedding party and families should be served first.

### 7. *The Traditional Dance*

Song requested: \_\_\_\_\_

### 8. *The Cake Cutting*

The newlyweds feed simultaneously or one-at-a-time.

### 9. *The Bouquet Toss*

All single ladies are assembled to the dance floor. Bride throws the bouquet. The one who catches it is thought to be the next to marry.

### 10. *The Garter Toss*

Single men are assembled to the dance floor. Groom removes the garter from the Bride's leg. The Groom throws the garter. The one who catches it is thought to be the next to marry.

### 11. *The Money Dance*

This is optional and a way to help couples financially on their honeymoon.

