

# windsor essex county WEDDING GUIDE

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## Timetable

Careful planning will enable you to relax and enjoy every moment of your wedding. For a large formal wedding, arrangements should begin at least 12 - 18 months in advance to enable your suppliers to provide the best quality and service. Note: we recommend sharing some of the planning duties with your fiancé.

### Six to twelve months:

- ☐ Announce your engagement.
- ☐ Create your personal webpage (see *The Wedding Guide's* unique offer online at Bride's Pages).
- ☐ Decide budget \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Decide type of wedding \_\_\_\_\_
  - formal \_\_\_\_\_
  - informal \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ If having an engagement party plan now
- ☐ Choose location of ceremony \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Choose attendants \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Select gown, veil & accessories \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Select attendants' gowns. Style # \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Compile invitation list. \_\_\_\_\_ # Bride \_\_\_\_\_ # Groom
- ☐ Select reception site \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Plan details of reception (see article in your current Wedding Guide) \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Select men's formal wear \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Select photographer (see article in your current Wedding Guide) Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Select videographer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Select florist (see article in your current Wedding Guide) Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Select caterer \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Select bridal registry (see article in your current Wedding Guide) Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Select musicians and music for ceremony \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Select musicians and music for reception \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Discuss honeymoon plans \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Reserve limousines \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

### Four to eight months:

- ☐ Order invitations, stationery, wedding programs
- ☐ Finalize honeymoon plans. Travel Agency \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Shop for trousseau
- ☐ Find a place to live
- ☐ Shop for home furnishings
- ☐ Set appointment for physical exam and update immunizations
- ☐ Order flowers
- ☐ Shop for wedding rings
- ☐ Send for, or renew, passport if necessary

**Two months:**

- ☐ Address wedding invitations and/or announcements
- ☐ Call local newspaper on wedding announcement deadline
- ☐ Select attendants' gifts
- ☐ Try out new hair styles you may be considering
- ☐ Set date with fiancé to get marriage license \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Gown fittings, appointments for attendants' fittings
  
- ☐ Reserve rental items for ceremony and reception. Rental shop \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Order wedding and groom's cake Cake shop \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Mail invitations to arrive 6 weeks before wedding

**One Month:**

- ☐ Arrange for final gown fitting \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Remind attendants of final gown fittings \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Make reservations for rehearsal dinner \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Have formal wedding portrait taken Date & time \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Make reservations for bridesmaids' luncheon \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Arrange lodging for out-of-town guests
- ☐ Buy groom's wedding gift, attendants' gifts
- ☐ Confirm honeymoon trip reservations. Check luggage

**Two weeks:**

- ☐ Record wedding gifts as they arrive. Write thank you notes promptly
- ☐ Double check attire and accessories for all members of the wedding party
- ☐ Confirm time & date of rehearsal with members of wedding party
- ☐ Review reception seating plans and make place cards if necessary
- ☐ Arrange to move your belongings to new home
- ☐ Schedule hair and manicure appointments Date/Time \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Complete trousseau shopping
- ☐ Arrange for name and address changes on accounts, credit cards, licenses, insurance policies, utilities

**One week:**

- ☐ Have final consultations with caterer, florist, musicians, photographer, and limousine
- ☐ Give final guest count to reception facility and caterer
- ☐ Host bridesmaids' luncheon: Restaurant \_\_\_\_\_  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ Begin packing for honeymoon
- ☐ Relax and get plenty of rest. . . the planning is complete, let the festivities begin!