

VENDOR TIPPING GUIDE

WITH OVER 10 YEARS EXPERIENCE IN THE WEDDING INDUSTRY, I HAVE FOUND "HOW MUCH OR WHO SHOULD I TIP?" TO BE THE MOST ASKED QUESTION BY MY CLIENTS.

Let's be clear, vendors do not "expect" tips from clients for providing their services. However, a little cash in an envelope goes a long way in showing your appreciation for the hard work they put into your big day. If you find yourself feeling extra grateful and generous towards your vendor team, let me share my tips with you first!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH VENDOR TO TIP?

This is at the sole discretion of the couple and there is no wrong answer. However, there are a few things to consider when making your list. First, read your invoice/contract to see if gratuity already included. Sometimes the catering bill will have gratuity added into their invoice already to split with their staff for the night. Another consideration is base it off of the amount of time they invested/spent working with you, quality of service, and number of team members you worked with. For example, typically the owner or contact person you have been emailing for your decor rentals don't get tipped nor expect one; however, the person physically delivering the items could be tipped for their physical labor.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I TIP EACH VENDOR?

Tips will differ depending on budget and the service provided by each individual vendor. I have broken down a list of possible vendor types and a guideline on how to tip below.

WHEN DO I HAND THESE OUT?

Put someone in charge! The easiest thing to do is prepare them ahead of time in individual envelopes for your planner to hand out as each vendor arrives to your wedding.

WHAT IF I FORGET TO HAND THEM OUT OR MISS SOMEONE?

The best part is there is no set time that expires! You can always stick them in the mail with a thank you note or use Venmo/Zelle after your wedding day.

LOGISTICS VENDORS:

Venue Coordinator : \$100 - \$200
Venue Assistant(s) : \$25 - \$50 each
Wedding Planner : \$250 - \$1,000
Planner Assistant(s) : \$50 - \$150 each
Officiant : \$50 - \$100
Transportation Drivers : \$100 - \$500

CONTENT VENDORS:

Lead Photographer : \$100 - \$500
Second Shooter : \$50 - \$100
Videographer : \$100 - \$500
Second Shooter(s) : \$50 - \$100 each
Photo Booth Operator : \$50 - \$100
Content Creator : 10% of the total invoice

DECOR VENDORS:

Florist : 10% of total invoice
Decor : 10% of total invoice
Rentals : \$10 - \$50 per delivery person

ENTERTAINMENT VENDORS:

DJ/Band Leader : \$200 - \$500
Band Member(s) : \$50 - \$100 each
Ceremony Musicians : \$25 - \$50 each
Sound Techs : \$25 - \$50 each
Lighting Techs : \$25 - \$50 each

HOSPITALITY VENDORS:

Caterer : \$100 - \$500 (or \$50 - \$100 per staff)
Bartender(s) : \$300 - \$500 (or allow tip jar)
Dog Walker(s) : \$20 - \$50 per dog
Attendants (Coatroom / Valet) : \$1 - \$2 /guest
(or \$20 - \$50 per attendant depending)

BEAUTY VENDORS:

Hair Stylist(s) : 20% of total invoice
Makeup Artist(s) : 20% of total invoice