

VENDOR

Tip Guide

This guide and all its information was taken directly from The Knot website and updated in 2023. Any vendors that are involved with the ceremony/reception can be tipped if the planner is given the envelopes. It is courteous to tip any delivery drivers \$10.

Wedding Planner/Coordinator

Protocol: Optional, but appreciated

The Standard: 15-20% of their total fee, or a nice gift

When to Tip: The couple should hand off the envelope at the end of the reception, or, they should send a thank you note with photos/check after the honeymoon

Hair Stylist and Makeup Artist

Protocol: Expected

The Standard: 15-25%, depending upon the quality of service

When to Tip: At the end of your service

Catering

Protocol: Expected

The Standard: 15–20% of food and drink fee (before tax/service fees) to be split among the waitstaff and bartenders, \$200–\$300 for the catering manager

**Be sure to check your contract to make sure none of this has already been included*

Ceremony Officiant

Protocol: Expected (depending on officiant)

The Standard: Donate \$500+ to the church or synagogue, or, for non-denominational officiant, an optional tip of \$50-\$100

When to Tip: Most ceremony fees are required prior to the wedding. Otherwise, have the best man pass the cash envelope at the rehearsal dinner if the officiant is in attendance.

Ceremony Musicians

Protocol: Optional

The Standard: \$15-\$50 per musician

When to Tip: At the end of the ceremony

Photographer/Videographer

Protocol: Optional

The Standard: 5-15% or \$50-\$200 per photography team member

When to Tip: At the end of the reception.

Wedding Attendants (Valet, Bartender, Waiters)

Protocol: Optional, based on contract

The Standard: \$20-\$25 per bartender or waiter; \$1 per guest for coat room and parking attendants; \$1 per car for valet

When to Tip: At the end of the reception.

Music

Protocol: Optional, yet preferred

The Standard: \$25-\$50 per band member or \$50-\$150 for DJs

When to Tip: At the end of the reception.

Wedding Transportation (Limos, Party buses, Guest buses)

Protocol: Expected. Check your contract as gratuity is usually included. If it isn't, plan to tip provided they show up on time and don't get lost!

The Standard: 15-20% of the total bill

When to Tip: At the end of the night or after the last ride. If you used a separate company for the guest buses, designate a bus captain to hand the driver a tip, otherwise you can have the planner hand this out.