



NORTH DAKOTA
DESIGN + EVENTS
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WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST

9-12 months before...

- o Set a budget, and determine how costs will be divided
- o Select a date and reserve venues
- o Start the guest list to get your cost estimate
- o Find an officiant
- o Select your wedding party
- o Hire a day of coordinator
- o Book a florist, photographer, and DJ or band
- o Find THE dress!

6-9 months before...

- o Find a caterer if the venue doesn't offer one
- o Take engagement picture if desired
- o Choose bridesmaid's attire
- o Register for gifts
- o Start planning your honeymoon
- o Choose a save the date
- o Choose an invitation suite
- o Reserve a calligrapher if desired
- o Arrange transportation

4-6 months before...

- o Finalize guest list
- o Send save the date announcements
- o Reserve rental items needed for ceremony or reception
- o Shop for wedding invitations
- o Finalize a date, time and location for rehearsal dinner
- o Choose ceremony readings and those who will read
- o Arrange rooms blocks at hotels for out of town guests
- o Meet with your officiant

WEDDING PLANNING CHECKLIST

2-4 months before...

- o Mail invitations
- o Shop for wedding rings
- o Order wedding cake
- o Obtain marriage license at 90-day mark
- o Find your makeup artist and hair stylist and make your day-of and trial-run appointments
- o Purchase favors and gifts for wedding party
- o Select tuxes for groom and groomsmen

6-8 weeks before...

- o Send rehearsal dinner invitations
- o Finalize menu options and the flowers
- o Meet with vendors to work out details

2-6 weeks before...

- o Print seating cards if necessary and programs
- o Create wedding day timeline
- o Have your final dress fitting
- o Write vows
- o Finalize all details and confirm with vendor

1 week before...

- o Expect a lot of last minute things to come up, so try not to save anything that could have been finished sooner
- o Confirm arrival times with vendors and wedding party
- o Set aside checks for tips to distribute to vendors
- o Delegate tasks to wedding party