

Use this as a general guideline for getting the biggest tasks taken care of before your big day. Have fun!

## 9-12 months before

	Set a budget and determine how costs will be divided.
	Select a date and reserve venue(s).
	Start the guest list to get your best cost estimate.
	Hire a wedding photographer.
	Find an officiant.
	Book the band or DJ.
	Start a separate folder for receipts.
	Select and order the bridal gown!

## 6-9 months before

	Find a caterer if the venue doesn't offer one.
	Book a florist.
	Choose bridesmaids' attire.
	Register for gifts.
	Start planning your honeymoon.

## 4-6 months before

	Finalize guest list.
	Send save-the-date announcements.
	Reserve any rental items needed for ceremony or reception.
	Shop for wedding invitations.
	Finalize a date, time, and location of rehearsal dinner.
	Arrange room blocks at hotels for out-of-town guests.

## 2-4 months before

	Mail invitations.
	Shop for your wedding rings.
	Order wedding cake.
	Obtain marriage license after 90-day mark.

## 6-8 weeks before

	Find makeup artist and hair stylist and make your day-of appointments.
	Send rehearsal dinner invitations.
	Reserve tuxedos for groomsmen.

## 2-6 weeks before

	Finalize all details and confirm with vendors.
	Create seating plan and get seating cards.

## 1 week before

	Expect lots of last-minute things to come up, so try not to save anything that could have been finished sooner. Take my word for it.
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