



# Wedding Budgeting Checklist

Things sure add up when planning your big day, don't they? This checklist helps you remember what to budget for so there are fewer surprises along the way.

## Apparel

- Engagement and wedding rings
- Bridal gown and undergarments
- Veil or headpiece
- Shoes
- Jewelry
- Groom's tuxedo
- Groom's shoes
- Groom's accessories, such as cufflinks
- Tailoring
- Outerwear if an outdoor wedding (not to jinx things, but be ready with raingear and jackets, even if it's summertime)

## Gifts

- Attendants
- Bride and groom
- Parents
- Readers or other participants, such as children
- Keepsakes for people who attend special functions, like a rehearsal dinner
- Welcome gifts for out-of-town guests, like snack baskets placed in hotel rooms

## Music

- For ceremony
- For reception
- For other related events, such as a gift opening luncheon or pre-wedding-day picnic

## Wedding Venue

- Site rental fee or donation
- Table, chair and linen rentals, including aisle runners
- Tent rentals if outdoor wedding
- Audio/visual equipment rental
- Lighting

## Reception

- Site rental fee or donation
- Food and beverages
- Table, chair and linen rentals
- Cake and topper
- Party favors
- Lighting
- Audio/visual equipment rental
- Gratuities and taxes



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## Decorations and Flowers

- For wedding venue
- For reception
- For any other functions, like a cocktail hour or rehearsal dinner
- Bouquets
- Corsages and boutonnieres
- Seating card table arrangement
- Gift table arrangements

## Photography

- Photos of activities before the wedding ceremony, such as a bridesmaids' lunch or the bride at the salon
- Photos of the ceremony and reception
- Albums and extra prints
- Video of the ceremony and reception

## Invitations and RSVPs

- Printing for invitations and save-the-date announcements
- Postage
- Web-based tool if collecting RSVPs online
- Thank you cards
- Welcome notes for out-of-town guests
- Guest book
- Programs
- Signage for event
- Seating cards and table numbers
- Menu cards

## Transportation

- Limos, trolleys, buses, rented cars
- Taxis
- Parking
- Gratuities
- Travel costs if destination wedding

## Other Expenses

- Officiant's fee
- Wedding license fee
- Salon appointments
- Special functions, such as a rehearsal dinner or post-wedding-day brunch
- Hotel rooms
- Car decorations
- Restroom arrangements, such as toiletries in baskets or decorations

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