

# Garden Wedding Checklist

Checklist · 27 items · 14 sections

Plan a stunning garden wedding, weather backup, lighting, and all the outdoor details sorted.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/garden-wedding-checklist>

## VENUE

- Choose and book garden venue (private estate, botanical garden, winery, arboretum)  
**HIGH**
- Confirm venue capacity for your guest count on the grounds  
**HIGH**
- Review venue's outdoor rules (setup time, noise limits, alcohol policy)  
**HIGH**
- Obtain any permits required for using botanical garden or public park  
**HIGH**

## TENT AND STRUCTURE

- Rent a tent or marquee for weather protection over dining area  
**HIGH**
- Rent a garden ceremony arch, pergola, or floral backdrop  
**HIGH**

## FACILITIES

- Arrange outdoor portable restroom facilities if venue lacks adequate bathrooms  
**HIGH**
- Arrange power source or generator for lighting, sound, and catering equipment  
**HIGH**

## FLORALS

- Plan garden-appropriate florals (roses, peonies, wildflowers, lavender, dahlias)  
**HIGH**
- Choose a florist who specializes in romantic, garden-style arrangements  
**HIGH**

## DECOR

- Incorporate garden elements: terracotta pots, urns, vines, trailing ivy
- Plan garden-inspired tablescape (herb centerpieces, seed favors, greenery runners)

## LIGHTING

- Plan romantic garden lighting: Edison bulbs, fairy lights, lanterns, pillar candles

HIGH

- Set up outdoor string lights throughout garden for evening ambiance

HIGH

## AUDIO/VISUAL

- Plan outdoor sound system suitable for open-air environment

HIGH

## GARDEN PREPARATION

- Schedule professional pest control treatment 7-10 days before the event

HIGH

- Coordinate with venue groundskeeper on lawn care and flower timing

## GUEST COMFORT

- Provide insect repellent at ceremony seating and dinner tables
- Arrange sunscreen stations for daytime outdoor event
- Provide outdoor fans or portable misters if expecting summer heat

## GUEST EXPERIENCE

- Plan outdoor cocktail hour with garden strolling among flowerbeds
- Set up garden game area for cocktail hour (croquet, bocce ball)

## ATTIRE

- Choose comfortable footwear: warn guests about heels on grass or gravel paths

## CONTINGENCY

- Plan a weather contingency: identify indoor backup space within venue

HIGH

- Monitor weather forecast from 1 week before the event

HIGH

## LOGISTICS

- Arrange parking plan and clear signage to ceremony area

## AFTER EVENT

- Hire a cleanup crew for after the event and confirm with venue

HIGH