

# Last-Minute Wedding Checklist

Checklist · 28 items · 6 sections

Plan a beautiful wedding in 4 weeks, just the essentials, in the right order.

Open the editable version online:

<https://genechecklist.com/checklist/last-minute-wedding-checklist>

## WEEK 1: URGENT

- Apply for marriage license immediately (check waiting period)  
**HIGH**
- Set total wedding budget right now  
**HIGH**
- Confirm your guest list (keep it under 30 to move fast)  
**HIGH**
- Choose and book a venue immediately: prioritize availability over perfection  
**HIGH**
- Book an officiant or confirm city hall / courthouse availability  
**HIGH**
- Contact photographers: book first available with good portfolio  
**HIGH**
- Notify guests immediately via phone call, text, or email  
**HIGH**
- Send digital save-the-dates and invitations in the same message  
**HIGH**
- Shop for wedding attire: consider off-the-rack options for quick availability  
**HIGH**
- Order rings (or use temporary rings and replace later)  
**HIGH**

## WEEK 2: ESSENTIALS

- Book a caterer or restaurant for reception dinner  
**HIGH**
- Order wedding cake or cupcakes from local bakery  
**HIGH**
- Book a florist for minimal arrangements (bridal bouquet + ceremony flowers)

- Create Spotify wedding playlist instead of hiring a DJ
- Book hair and makeup appointment for wedding morning
- Plan simple ceremony decoration (candles, greenery, simple arch)
- Confirm all vendor bookings in writing

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### WEEK 3: DETAILS

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- Write simple wedding vows (personal and heartfelt is better than long)
- Create a basic wedding day timeline and share with venue and photographer
- Finalize RSVPs and confirm headcount with caterer
- Confirm transportation on wedding day
- Purchase any remaining accessories (veil, shoes, jewelry)
- Pack an emergency kit (safety pins, stain remover, pain reliever, snacks)

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### WEEK 4: FINAL PREP

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- Prepare cash envelopes for vendor tips
- Call all vendors to reconfirm time, address, and final headcount
- Collect and organize all required legal documents for ceremony

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### DAY BEFORE

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- Get a good night's sleep the night before!

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### AFTER WEDDING

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- Request multiple certified copies of marriage certificate

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