

Summer Wedding Checklist

Checklist · 29 items · 12 sections

Plan a summer wedding guests will love, heat control, sun protection, and golden-hour magic.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

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

TIMING AND SCHEDULING

- Schedule outdoor ceremony in morning (before 11am) or evening (after 5pm) to avoid peak heat
HIGH
- Plan for 2-4 hours of outdoor photos during golden hour (1 hour before sunset)
HIGH

VENUE

- Book venue with indoor air-conditioned reception space for comfort
HIGH
- Arrange shade structures, pergola, or market umbrellas for outdoor ceremony
HIGH

GUEST COMFORT

- Rent portable standing fans for outdoor ceremony seating area
HIGH
- Set up water and lemonade station for arriving guests
HIGH
- Provide sunscreen spray stations at ceremony seating
HIGH
- Provide paper fans or fan programs for each guest's seat
- Arrange insect repellent baskets for outdoor areas
- Note dress code guidance for guests (light fabrics, garden attire)

ATTIRE

- Choose lightweight, breathable fabric for wedding dress (chiffon, lace, organza)
HIGH
- Opt for a shorter hemline or detachable train for outdoor comfort

BEAUTY

- Apply long-lasting, heat-proof setting spray over makeup
HIGH
- Choose waterproof mascara and long-wear makeup products
HIGH
- Plan hairstyle that holds in heat and humidity (updo, braids)
HIGH

FLORALS

- Book florist experienced with summer arrangements (heat-resistant florals)
HIGH
- Choose summer blooms: sunflowers, dahlias, garden roses, peonies, lavender
- Request flowers be stored in cool conditions until ceremony setup
HIGH

CATERING

- Order heat-resistant wedding cake (fondant holds better than buttercream in heat)
HIGH
- Plan refreshing summer cocktail menu (lemonade bar, sangria, iced tea)
HIGH
- Offer lighter summer menu (grilled options, fresh salads, chilled appetizers)
- Confirm caterer has proper refrigeration for food safety in heat
HIGH

ENTERTAINMENT

- Plan outdoor cocktail-hour games (croquet, cornhole, bocce ball)
- Plan a late-evening sparkler exit or s'mores station

LIGHTING

- Arrange outdoor string lights or market lights for enchanting evening ambiance
HIGH

AUDIO/VISUAL

- Confirm outdoor sound system works well in open-air environment
HIGH

LOGISTICS

- Book venue or park well in advance: summer is peak season

HIGH

- Check weather forecast 1 week out and confirm backup plan

HIGH

FAVORS

- Arrange cooling towel packets as guest favors