

# Wedding Day Checklist

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Everything for your wedding day from morning prep to the final send-off, nothing missed. Use this alongside the broader Wedding Planning Checklist and the more detailed Wedding Timeline Checklist. For brides specifically, the Bride Timeline Checklist walks through the morning hour by hour. Hosting a pre-wedding event: the Bridal Shower Checklist.

Open the editable, AI-powered version online:

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

## MORNING: GETTING READY

- Eat a proper breakfast: do not skip meals on your wedding day  
HIGH
- Drink plenty of water throughout the morning  
HIGH
- Take any regular medications  
HIGH
- Hair appointment: arrive on time and bring all hair accessories  
HIGH
- Makeup appointment: bring any specific products you want used  
HIGH
- Put on wedding dress: ask bridesmaids to help and photograph the moment  
HIGH
- Put on shoes, jewelry, veil, and all accessories  
HIGH
- Allow photographer to capture getting-ready detail shots (dress, rings, shoes)  
HIGH
- Allow photographer to capture getting-ready portraits of you and bridesmaids  
HIGH
- Check your emergency kit is packed and handed to a trusted person  
HIGH
- Give vendor tip envelopes to best man or wedding coordinator to distribute
- Read a letter from your partner if doing a first-look or letter exchange

## PRE-CEREMONY

- Leave for ceremony venue on time: allow extra time for travel and photos  
**HIGH**
- Have a quiet moment to collect yourself before walking down the aisle
- Confirm all bridal party members are in position  
**HIGH**
- Give bouquet to bridesmaid and accept it just before processional

## CEREMONY

- Walk down the aisle: breathe, smile, and take it all in  
**HIGH**
- Exchange vows with your partner  
**HIGH**
- Exchange rings  
**HIGH**
- Sign the marriage register / marriage certificate  
**HIGH**
- Walk back down the aisle as a married couple  
**HIGH**

## POST-CEREMONY

- Receive guests in a receiving line or informal greeting

## POST-CEREMONY PHOTOS

- Complete couple portraits with photographer (allow 45-60 minutes)  
**HIGH**
- Complete immediate family photos (parents, grandparents, siblings)  
**HIGH**
- Complete bridal party group photos  
**HIGH**

## COCKTAIL HOUR

- Eat and drink something during cocktail hour: you need the energy  
**HIGH**
- Mingle with guests during cocktail hour if time allows

## RECEPTION

- Grand entrance into reception as a couple  
**HIGH**
- First dance with your partner  
**HIGH**
- Father-daughter and mother-son dances if planned
- Sit down for dinner: eat your meal properly  
**HIGH**
- Listen to and enjoy speeches from loved ones  
**HIGH**
- Cut the wedding cake together  
**HIGH**
- Table visits: walk around and greet each table of guests during reception

## EVENING

- Golden hour portrait session outside with photographer if weather allows
- Open the evening party with a dance floor opener
- Bouquet toss if planned

## END OF NIGHT

- Do a sparkler exit or send-off if planned
- Collect all personal belongings, gifts, and cards from venue  
**HIGH**
- Say goodbye and thank you to vendors before leaving
- Enjoy your wedding night: you did it!  
**HIGH**