



WEDDING PLANNING TIMELINE

UPON ENGAGEMENT

- Take a deep breath and get ready to embrace a whirlwind of people, planning, and excitement
- Get organized! Create a wedding folder or binder
- Plan and host your engagement party if you have not already done so
- Reserve accommodations for out-of-town guests
- Reserve guest shuttle from the hotel to Abernethy Center. Check to see if your hotel provides a shuttle service
- Book your hotel room for your wedding and pre-wedding night
- If preferred, hire a wedding coordinator
- Shop for a wedding dress
- Select your wedding party attendants
- Start researching vendors
- Send save-the-date cards with hotel information to guests

10-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Start booking wedding vendors
- Research and choose a ceremony officiant
- Discuss premarital requirements with your officiant or clergy member when applicable
- Create gift registries at your local department stores. Many registries are also available online for those guests purchasing gifts from out of town
- Shop for the bridesmaids' dresses and accessories
- Book a photographer
- Book a videographer

8-10 MONTHS BEFORE

- Choose and book a hair and makeup artist for your wedding day
- Research honeymoon destinations
- Order your wedding dress
- Order the bridesmaids' dresses
- Order your wedding cake
- Shop for favors and attendant gifts
- Prepare guest list
- Book a DJ or band

6 MONTHS BEFORE

- HALF OF YOUR CATERING MINIMUM & REMAINDER OF SITE FEE DUE TO ABERNETHY CENTER
- Shop for invitations
- Reserve the groom's and attendants' tuxedos at a local tuxedo shop
- Finalize guest list and order invitations

4 MONTHS BEFORE

- CONTACT ABERNETHY CENTER TO SCHEDULE DETAILS APPOINTMENT AND GIVE APPROXIMATE GUEST COUNT
- Book the honeymoon and all transportation. Order passport if needed. Make sure your plane ticket and passport have the same last name on them
- Provide information to the calligrapher so she/he can begin envelopes
- Make appointment for dress fitting
- Begin designing floral arrangements and bouquets for female attendants
- Order wedding bands
- Purchase any remaining accessories (stockings, lingerie, etc.)

2-3 MONTHS BEFORE

- Mail invitations (3 month mark), being sure to use proper postage
- Finalize and confirm all floral arrangements, bouquets, and boutonnieres for the male attendants with your florist
- Write your wedding vows if you wish
- Shop for honeymoon outfits
- Select gifts for attendants and ushers
- Get name-change forms if you plan to change your name
- Plan all ceremonial events with the officiant, including any music, readings, and vows.
- Schedule rehearsal dinner/luncheon
- LAST HALF OF CATERING MINIMUM DUE TO ABERNETHY CENTER

6 WEEKS BEFORE

- Print programs for the ceremony
- Pick up the wedding rings and double-check the fit
- Do a trial run of wedding day hairstyle and makeup
- Contact hotel/accommodations about room blocks and confirm reservations for appropriate guests
- Create visitor gift baskets to place in the hotel rooms of those traveling from out of town
- Remember to include directions from the hotel to the ceremony and reception site along with information about local attractions
- Schedule final dress fitting. Make sure bridesmaids have done the same

30 DAYS BEFORE

- Most room blocks will no longer be held after this date. Be sure all visitors have confirmed their room reservations
- Begin preparing place cards and table cards (if doing formal seating).
- Apply for marriage license. Different states have different policies. In Oregon, you are able to obtain your marriage license in any county. This license allows you to get married anywhere within the state of Oregon
- Confirm schedule, arrival times, and any other arrangements with all vendors. It may be helpful to e-mail directions, contact numbers, and the day's itinerary to all vendors
- Confirm honeymoon reservations, including flights, hotel accommodations, and any rental cars. REMEMBER—your passport name must match the name on your reservations

14 DAYS BEFORE

- CALL ABERNETHY CENTER WITH FINAL GUEST COUNT, PAYMENT (14 BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE WEDDING)
- Confirm tuxedo arrangements
- Begin packing for honeymoon
- Pick up your dress and break in your shoes

1-3 DAYS BEFORE

- Make a checklist of final things to remember
- Complete packing for honeymoon; prepare to check into your hotel
- Take some time to relax at some point during the day
- Drink plenty of fluids – especially in the summer – and avoid sodium
- Go to bed early and get some rest to prepare for your big day!
- Hand your phone off to a trusted friend/family member so that you can soak in time with your friends and family!

DAY OF THE WEDDING

- Eat a good breakfast with family and friends
- Relax and enjoy your day!

Congratulations!
