

# Frequently Asked Questions

*These are the top questions you need to ask or know the answers to when meeting with vendors. Take this sheet with you and be prepared! Ask vendors these questions or come prepared with answers to their questions.*

## ***Bridal Shops***

- When should I order my gown?
- When should I order my bridesmaid gowns?
- Do my bridesmaids need to be present to order their gowns or can they just order them over the phone?
- How soon should alterations be done? Are they included in the price of the gown? In not, how much do they cost?
- Do you steam the dresses before the wedding?

## ***Cakes & Desserts***

- What is the cost per serving?
- Who does the set-up of the flowers, if any, on cakes?
- How far in advance do I need to order my cake?
- Is there an extra charge for delivery?
- Is there an extra charge for certain styles or sizes?
- What kind of stands are available?

## ***Caterers***

- What's your serving style? (banquette vs plated & served)
- What time do people usually start eating?
- What time will guests start arriving at reception hall?
- Can relatives/friends of the couple serve the coffee & cake?
- What are the duties of the host & hostess?

## ***Dance Lessons***

- How much do dance lessons cost?
- How long does it take to learn to dance for our wedding?
- When should we start?
- How many lessons will we need?
- What dances will/should we learn?
- When are lessons scheduled?
- Should members of our wedding party take lessons too?

## ***Decorations***

- Where are you planning on having the ceremony/reception?
- How many guests are you inviting?
- What color are the brides & bridesmaids dresses?
- What are your favorite and least favorite flowers?
- Is there a theme, idea or concept you are trying to create?

## ***DJ/Music***

- What are your expectations of a disc jockey?
- What are your biggest concerns of hiring a DJ?
- What do you envision for your reception?
- What type of DJ interaction are you looking for?
- What is your budget & how have you come to that figure?

## ***Favors/Gifts***

- How far ahead do I need to order?
- Do I have to refrigerate or how do I store the candy?
- Are there any minimums?
- Do you have anything seasonal?
- Do you have any unique/specialty items?

## ***Florists & Floral Designers***

- How many years of experience do you have in weddings?
- How long have you worked with specialty flowers and hi-end design?
- Do you deliver & set up flowers at church and reception?
- Are charges added if changes are made to the original estimate?
- How close to the wedding date can changes be made?
- Are rental items available? If so, do you pick them up after event?
- Are you willing to work with themes and/or budget restrictions?
- Can the bride be a part of the decorating and/or assembling of flowers?

## ***Hotels, Bed & Breakfasts and Resorts***

- What are the prices for alcoholic beverages? What's the estimated cost of hosted bar? What do most people do?
- How late can the entertainment go?
- How long will the service of the meal take?
- When can we access the facility to decorate?
- Who takes down the decorations?



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## *Invitations*

- When do my wedding invitations need to be sent?
- How many invitations do I need to order?
- When will I get my invitations once they are ordered?
- Do I need to order response cards?
- Is it necessary to order reception cards?
- When do I need to order my wedding programs?
- How many napkins do I need to order?

## *Limos*

- Do you require a minimum of time?
- When does the time start?
- Can we have alcohol in the limo?
- How soon should we make reservations?
- What kind of tip should we give the driver?
- What should we look for in a limo company?

## *Musicians and Bands*

- Do you need to be amplified?
- How many new pieces are you willing to learn?
- What are the weather/environmental considerations?
- Do you attend rehearsals?
- Do you accompany singers/other musicians?
- Do you require a deposit?/When is final payment due?

## *Party Rental and Tents*

- Prices? Are they competitive to other rental companies?
- What are your delivery and pick up options and costs?
- Will you be in contact with my venue regarding the delivery and pick up times or should I contact them?
- What items do you set up and which ones will we have to?
- Do I need to bring all the items back cleaned?
- What is your cancellation policy and how long do I have to confirm my quantities on the order?

## *Photography*

- Type of Coverage? (traditional/photojournalism/both)
- How long have you photographed weddings?
- What is included in the cost?
- Who does the actual photography?
- Do you include post production services?
- Date/Availability?

## *Premarital Counseling*

- What qualifications do you have as a premarital counselor?
- How many sessions will we have & how long will they be?
- What fees are there?
- When should we do premarital counseling?
- Where do I get premarital counseling?

## *Reception Site*

- How many does your ballroom accommodate?
- What is your food and beverage minimum?
- What is your average meal cost or estimate of total cost?
- Are there decoration limitations?
- Do you allow photographs to be taken on the golf course?
- How long do we have the room?
- Do you offer ceremony accommodations?

## *Tuxedos & Men's Attire*

- How soon should the tuxedo's be picked out and how does the whole process work?
- When do the guys pick up their tuxedos?
- When do the tuxedos have to be returned?
- What comes with the Tuxedo? (shoes, cufflinks, etc.)
- Can they take their measurements themselves?

## *Videography*

- Couldn't I get friends/family to video my wedding?
- How intrusive will video cameras at our wedding be?
- How long will it take to get my video?
- How many copies do I get?
- When should I book my date?
- How do we reserve a date? Can you hold it for us?

## *Wedding Planners*

- What are the benefits of hiring a wedding planner?
- Are you certified and what does that mean?
- How many weddings have you done in the past?
- On average how many weddings do you work on at once?
- How do your prices compare with other planners in the market?
- What can you offer that other wedding planners cannot?



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