

Final Month Wedding Checklist

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The last month

- ☐ Add your rings to your insurance
- ☐ Apply for your marriage license
 - The license comes from the state where you marry, not where you live. Check its waiting period and how long it lasts with your county clerk before you go. Usually you both go in person with ID.
 - ☐ Gather your ID and documents
 - ☐ Check whether you need an appointment
 - ☐ Bring the fee
- ☐ RSVP deadline
- ☐ Share your timeline with your vendors and wedding party
- ☐ Put together welcome bags for out-of-town guests
- ☐ Pack the emergency kit
- ☐ Final dress fitting
- ☐ Give your caterer and venue the final guest count
- ☐ Make your seating chart
 - ☐ Get the table layout from your venue
 - ☐ Place everyone
 - ☐ Print it for the day
- ☐ Confirm each vendor's arrival time
- ☐ Pay final balances
- ☐ Send the final timeline to your vendors

The week of the wedding

- ☐ Put tips in labeled envelopes
- ☐ Pick up your outfits and rings
- ☐ Pack for your honeymoon
- ☐ Choose a point person for the day
- ☐ Check the things nobody can replace
- ☐ Hold the rehearsal
- ☐ Rehearsal dinner

- ☐ Give your marriage license to your officiant
Check whether your state needs witnesses.

The day

- ☐ Sign your marriage license
With your officiant, and your witnesses if your state requires them.
- ☐ Tip your vendors

After the wedding

- ☐ Return rented items
- ☐ Have your outfits cleaned and flowers preserved, if you like
- ☐ Check your signed license has been filed
Your officiant usually returns it to the county. Ask how long until your certificate is ready.
- ☐ Order certified copies of your marriage certificate
- ☐ Start your thank-you notes
- ☐ Change your name, if you are taking a new one
- ☐ Leave reviews for your vendors
- ☐ Share your photos with family
- ☐ Update insurance and beneficiaries
- ☐ Finish your thank-you notes
- ☐ Plan something for your first anniversary