

The Wedding List / Sample

- marriage license, blood tests if applicable
- bridal consultants
- wedding ring(s)
- wedding dress, veil, headpiece, accessories, cleaning and preservation
tuxedo rentals
- reception site and catering costs (include bar costs if an open bar, cost of making your own wine for dinner and liquor licenses if applicable... and include cost of meals for photographer, DJ... if applicable, tips if applicable)
- parking and parking control costs
- photographer, videographer and their costs (albums, prints and copies), cameras on tables and developing
- personalized wedding website (www.solid-gold-websites.com)
- music at the church (soloists, organists...) and the reception (musicians while people are gathering, DJ, band...)
- wedding invitations and other stationery (announcements, pre-invitations, programs for ceremony, programs/menus and place cards for reception, guest book and pen, thank you cards, stamps...)
- flowers (bouquets, decorations, corsages, boutonnieres...)
- wedding cake
- gifts for bridesmaids and ushers...
- rehearsal dinner, day-after brunch...
- food for bridal party as they're getting ready on The Day (This is the voice of experience talking. EVERYBODY EATS on wedding day to avoid unexpected instances of passing out during the ceremony!)
- officiant and ceremony fees (donation to ceremony venue, altar boys...)
- decorations for ceremony and reception venue (arbour, wedding pew bows, canopy, white carpet rental, centrepieces, guest book table, gift table, any displays, head table, cars...)
- hired vehicles/transportation costs for bridal party to ceremony and reception and back...
- prewedding parties (showers, bachelor parties, jack and jill...)
- guest favours (plan to have a few extras, just in case)
- jewelry
- hairdresser and manicure services (include cost of "trying out" a couple of salons to find the perfect style and stylist for you)
- car washes
- hotel / travel costs (if out of town wedding)
- contingency fund - about 5% or so of your available funds for all the miscellaneous items that come up at the last minute or things that need to be changed (read: cost more!) at the last minute. For example, the bride orders her size 8 wedding dress then loses a whole bunch of weight and the alterations to turn that dress into a size 6 cost more than expected. Or, the cost of hairstyling and manicuring has gone up 15% since you investigated the cost 18 months ago. Or Aunt Millie and her family from Pittsburgh call a week before the wedding to tell you that they can come to the wedding after all, which puts the cost of catering up...