

## WEDDING RECEPTION PLANNING TIPS

The reception party is not only the costliest event of your wedding day, but the most difficult to plan. This is the party you will celebrate your marriage with your family and friends, so you'll want a fun ending to a perfect day.

How elaborate your reception will be is limited by your imagination and budget. Don't fret if you have limited funds because there are many ways you can plan a wonderful reception if you consider all of your options. Our tips will help you organize a beautiful wedding reception using the resources near you.

### **Reception Site**

If you're like most couples, you will want your reception after your ceremony so you should reserve the reception and ceremony sites the same day, if possible. You can book either one first as long as the end result is the same, having your ceremony and reception at your desired locations -- on the same day.

Depending on how large your city is, you can check out function halls, hotels and country clubs. If your budget is limited, try renting outdoor gardens, farms, beaches or a large backyard. Use your imagination. Of course, any event planned outdoors will be affected by the weather, so have a back-up plan and take precautions with tents and awnings.

Shop around and compare prices. You'll probably feel pressure making your decision because the last thing you want is someone to snatch up your date and book ahead of you.

Don't spread out your reception site hunting over weeks, instead, make it a mission to decide within days. Use your time wisely and you'll have enough information to decide where you'll hold your wedding reception and secure your desired date.



