



## So You're Getting Married! Now What?

Congratulations on your engagement! This is an incredibly exciting time, but it's easy for the planning to become overwhelming. Don't worry – it doesn't have to be that way! Follow these simple guidelines to make the process as smooth and enjoyable as possible.

Choose a few date options that work for you and your fiancé, especially if you're planning to get married soon. This way, if your top-choice venue is booked on your first date, you'll have backup dates ready to check on availability, giving you flexibility in finding the perfect spot.

Make choices confidently! It's natural to go back and forth at first, but once you decide, stick with it. Constantly second-guessing will add unnecessary stress. Trust that your initial instincts were likely the right ones, and move forward knowing you've made solid decisions for your big day.

Keep in mind that your wedding is a celebration of both partners. Often, one person takes the lead in planning, which can lead to feelings of exclusion or frustration later. Make decisions together, honoring each other's preferences. It's great practice for the many choices you'll make together throughout your marriage and helps build an event you'll both cherish.

Focus on what truly makes you and your partner happy. Family opinions, especially from those helping financially, can add pressure. While it's important to be considerate of their wishes, remember that this is ultimately your day. Make decisions that feel right for you both, and aim to honor your vision together.

While your wedding day is a major milestone, remember it's just one day. If an uninvited guest shows up or a minor detail isn't perfect, it won't overshadow the celebration. Focus on the joy, love, and memories you're creating rather than the small hiccups.

Simply Fresh Events, an event-planning and catering company serving central Maryland, northern Virginia and Washington DC, is pleased to present this wedding-planning resource and accompanying worksheet. Call our office, (240) 685-2500, or visit [www.simplyfreshevents.com](http://www.simplyfreshevents.com) and [www.weddingwire.com/simplyfreshevents](http://www.weddingwire.com/simplyfreshevents) to learn more about the services we provide to make your wedding uniquely yours.

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### Basic Information

Date of Wedding:

Back-Up Date:

Site of Ceremony:

Ceremony Time:

### Our Reception

Preferred Venue:

Back-Up Venue:

Reception Time:

Number Invited:

Number Expected:

We have a budget of:   \$10k   \$20k   \$30k   \$40k

Kind of Reception:   Indoor   Outdoor

Tone we want to set:

Unique   Classy   Relaxed   Fun   Formal   Other:

What we care most about:

Food   Decor   Entertainment   Enjoyment   Other:

Alcohol Served?   Yes   No

Kind of food we want:   Formal   Fun   Themed   Mix

Other things that matter to us about the reception: