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Pre-wedding beauty tips for the bride

You want everything to be picture perfect for your wedding, including your smile. But like everything else about your big day, that perfect smile could require some work ahead of time. In fact, experts suggest starting your entire beauty regimen six months before the wedding. Here's a complete pre-wedding beauty checklist.

♥ **Lips:** Get soft, kissable lips by brushing away flakes of dry skin with an infant toothbrush soaked in baking soda and water. Apply healing ointment, and in no time, your lips will be ready for that "kiss the bride" kiss.

♥ **Teeth:** A cosmetic dentist can often correct an imperfect smile with veneers. But if spending painful hours in the dentist's chair getting your teeth ground down sounds like it would put a damper on all the joyful planning, here's good news: Lumineers (www.lumineers.com) are now used by thousands of dentists nationwide and can be applied in two short, pain-free appointments. Unlike other veneer procedures, Lumineers are so strong and thin that they don't require removal of sensitive tooth structure. The procedure is quick, painless and even reversible.

♥ **Makeup:** Women with warm skin tones look best in makeup with pink, coral, peach, amber, brown and red with yellow undertones. If you have a cool skin tone,



choose pink, berry, lilac, mauve or red with blue undertones.

♥ **Skin:** Make your face glow with a good cleansing program. Use a cleanser that's appropriate for your skin type in the morning,



makeup remover and cleanser at night and a daily moisturizer. Use a gentle facial scrub once a week.

♥ **Hair:** If you're planning to change your hairstyle or color, experiment several months before the wedding so you have time to correct any mistakes.

♥ **Nails:** If you're a nail-biter, get weekly manicures to keep your nails healthy. Plan your last manicure a couple of days before the big day. Choose a pretty pale pink or splurge on a French manicure, not just because it looks great, but because the chips won't show as much and are easy to fix. You'll have beautiful hands for the rehearsal dinner and any other festivities. Don't forget, practice makes perfect. Schedule a trial run with your hair and makeup artists several days before your wedding, so there are no surprises the day of the ceremony. (NewsUSA)

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Marriage licenses; guide to getting married in NH

All persons proposing to be joined in marriage within the State of New Hampshire must first obtain a marriage license. Marriage license applications may be applied for at any town or city clerks' office in the state.

To be married in NH you do not have to establish residency. A couple wishing to marry in the State of NH may complete an application at any NH city or town clerk's office regardless of their place of residence. This includes out-of-state residents as well. Once a valid license is issued, the couple will be free to marry within any city or town in NH. Both parties must be present to complete the

marriage license application unless one of the parties is in the military and unable to return to New Hampshire before the ceremony. If this is the case, please contact the city clerk's office for instructions.

As it does take about half an hour to process and issue marriage licenses, we ask that couples plan accordingly, and come in to obtain their marriage licenses by 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with the exception of Thursdays evenings when couples must come in by 5:00 p.m.

Marriage licenses issued by municipal clerks within the State of New Hampshire are

only valid for ceremonies taking place within New Hampshire. Couples planning weddings that will take place outside New Hampshire must contact the location where the marriage will occur for licensing regulations.

♥ License Validity Period

Marriage licenses are valid for 90 days from the date of issuance. There is no longer a waiting period and the license may be used the same day. The State of New Hampshire does not require blood tests prior to marriage. Couples do not need to obtain licenses in the community in which they live or in the community where they are getting married. ▶



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♥ **Fee**

The fee to obtain a marriage license in New Hampshire is \$50. The marriage license fee is payable in cash or by debit and/or credit card, no checks are accepted. The license fee is set by RSA 457:29 and is payable to the City Clerk at the time the intentions are filed.

Certified copies are available after the ceremony has taken place and the marriage license has been returned to the clerk's office. Certified copies are \$15 for the first copy and \$10 for subsequent copies issued at the same time.

Certified copies of the record can be obtained for a fee from the city or town clerk where the license was filed if marriage was prior to 1989. If after 1989, a certified copy should be able to be obtained at any city or town clerk in the State.

♥ **What to Bring with you when applying for a license**

Applicants must bring a document that proves their identity and age such as a driver's license, non-drivers ID or passport.

If either party applying for a marriage license has been married before they must present a certified copy of the document that ended their most recent marriage when applying for a new marriage license.

In addition to a photo ID and certified documents that ended the previous marriage (when applicable), please be prepared to



provide the following information when applying for a marriage license:

- Full Name
- Date of Birth
- State of Birth
- Current address
- Social Security Number, if applicable
- Race
- Ancestry
- Years of Education
- Certified record of date last marriage ended, if applicable
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of birth

- Mothers full maiden name and state of birth

♥ **Penalty**

Any person shall be guilty of a Class B Felony if he/she willfully and knowingly makes any false statement in an application for a certified copy of a vital record. (NH RSA 5-C:14).

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Wedding gifts for grooms: A tradition brides shouldn't ignore

The answer is: Yes, it's expected. But it's also a chance for all you brides out there to truly show you know that not everything is about you on your wedding day. That there really is another person involved (that would be the groom) who deserves a bit of recognition, too. We're talking wedding presents -- specifically, yours to your husband-to-be. Tradition does, indeed, hold that both you and he exchange gifts. And while it's true that some guys are initially shocked to learn your engagement ring doesn't also count as a "present," that's no excuse for you to waver. "Giving him something that's just for him will make him feel really special," advises BrideBox.com. Here's what you need to know now that it's prime time for weddings:

♥ **When to exchange them.** Etiquette dictates that the hand-off occurs at one of three times: the night before the wedding, the morning of the ceremony, or right before leaving on your honeymoon.

Think it's bad luck to see the groom before the nuptials? "Many couples choose to courier gifts via bridesmaids or groomsmen



just before the ceremony," says Brides.com.

♥ **There's a thin line between "romantic" and "mushy."** Some of you may be tempted to compile a "love notes" journal of every bit of correspondence you've ever sent your groom. Even assuming he's the type who wouldn't consider that a bit "over the top," there's always the chance he might be left wondering, "Okay, where's my real present?" -- especially if his gift to you is a serious piece of jewelry.

♥ **The consensus choice.** There's

a reason a watch invariably makes everyone's short list: It's the perfect statement of who he is or aspires to be. (It's also a lot more impressive than a flask, which for some reason also gets a few votes).

No less a taste arbiter than MarthaStewartWeddings.com favors Baume & Mercier's Clifton line -- as elegant as the original 1950s model that inspired it -- for the way it "easily transitions from big day to every day." Like the Swiss watchmaker's timelessly charming (and affordably luxurious) Classima line, it comes with a choice of straps, dial faces and a variety of what's

known as "small complications" that go way beyond just telling the hour. You can shop them at the Baume & Mercier e-boutique or by calling 1-800-MERCIER, where free engraving and wrapping are available.

♥ **Fun fact.** One writer at AskMen.com says he's "heard of women giving their husbands watches in the ceremony instead of a wedding ring." If so, the answer is: No, just like your engagement ring, that wouldn't also qualify as a wedding present. (NewsUSA)

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Red, white and sparkling: How to choose the right wine glass

Wine connoisseurs know something even more important than facts about vintages and varietals: It makes a big difference how your wine is served. From the correct temperature to the glass you drink from, how any wine is presented can change the entire experience.

And it's not just about aesthetics - although a beautiful glass may enhance your visual experience, the size and shape of a wine glass can alter any wine's aroma and taste, for better or worse. The size and shape of the glass affects not just how the wine responds to its environment (exposure to oxygen and temperature, for example), but how we drink it. The way you hold the glass, how you tilt your head (forward or back - consider a martini glass versus a wine glass), where your nose is centered as you sip and where on your tongue and palate the wine first hits can all impact your experience of the wine.

What do you need to know so your guests will experience your wine

at its very best? Here are some guidelines.

♥ **Red wines**

In general, the best glasses to enhance the bigger and bolder flavors of most red wines should be taller and have a larger bowl than glasses meant for serving lighter or more delicate wines. Larger glasses allow a wine to breathe more and permit the wine's flavors and aromas to develop more fully.

For this reason, it's also best to fill each glass only about one third full when serving red wines, to encourage more aeration.

♥ **White wines**

The ideal glass for most white wines will be U-shaped, with a smaller bowl than when serving red wines. This helps prevent the wine from warming up too quickly, as whites are best served chilled. The more upright shape of the glass also allows aromas to be released sufficiently - without losing any aroma - for these lighter wines. ▶



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Even within the many varieties of reds or whites, however, there can be great differences. Specially designed stemware is often created to enhance a specific wine that may not be at its best in any other glass.

For example, Terlato Vineyards searched for the perfect glass to bring out the best in the fourth-generation family company's Friuli Colli Orientali Pinot Grigio 2018. This Pinot Grigio is known for exceptional balance, complex, layered aromas and flavors with notes of ripe peach, apricot and pear, and a crisp, mineral finish. Bill Terlato and his daughter, Elise teamed up with Maximilian and Georg Riedel of the 300-year-old crystal company to develop a glass to optimize the flavors and aromas of their Pinot Grigio.

In the eyes of the Riedel company, wine glasses are not just about aesthetics, but are tools to help bring out the best in any wine. For Terlato Vineyard's Pinot Grigio, they created a glass with a distinctly elongated bowl to heighten the mineral and fruity flavors of the wine. The narrower opening of the glass also helps the wine land in the mouth mid-palate, where taste buds are more complex.

This specially designed glass helps the wine taster "pick up on those little nuances," observed Elise Terlato. "The mouth of the glass enhances the texture and layered complexities of the wine."

♥ **Sparkling wines**

When serving champagne, prosecco or

other sparkling wines to your guests, flutes or a tulip shaped glass are recommended. These glass shapes allow the chilled wine to stay cooler longer.

Whereas a wider glass would offer too much surface area, letting the delightful bubbles fizzle out more quickly. A narrower

glass helps to preserve the carbonation of your sparkling wine.

For more information on how to receive the specially designed glasses, visit your independent retailer or go to www.uncorked.com and search for Terlato Vineyards Pinot Grigio 2018. (BPT)



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Tips for brides and grooms on budgets

Between the thrilling proposal and the pre-wedding whirlwind, setting the date, finding the perfect wedding dress, planning the honeymoon, weddings should feel joyous and romantic.

But after the wedding, couples should enjoy their newly wedded bliss, not panic about digging themselves out of debt.

According to the Association for Wedding Professionals International, the average wedding costs between \$18,000 and \$21,000.

In these difficult economic times, couples might need to minimize the cost of their wedding. But brides on budgets do not need to whittle their guest list from 200 to 10.

Here are some affordable and tasteful measures couples can take to stay within their budget.

What eats up wedding cash? Wedding receptions usually account for half of a wedding's cost. Dinner and drinks add up, especially if couples pay for a full or open bar.

To save money on the bubbly, couples should nix the mixed drinks. Soon-to-be-



marrieds can serve champagne during the toast, then offer beer and wine for the rest of the evening. Give clumsier guests white wine, not red, and the evening should progress with fewer mishaps at a lower cost.

For dinner, couples should think outside the catering-company box. Local restaurants

might make better deals. Classy catering can come from unexpected places.

Boston Market restaurants provide full-service catering options with elegant entrees like roasted sirloin, turkey or rotisserie chicken, and a selection of gourmet sides. The cost? From \$14.99 to \$21.99 a head.

After the reception, photography and videography are the second largest budget-breakers. Couples can hire a photographer and videographer for the ceremony, then leave reception photographs to friends, family and digital cameras.

To avoid the cost of a live band, brides and grooms can opt for MP3 playlists, customized CDs and speaker rentals over pricey bands. Finally, hiring a wedding coordinator can save time, manage stress and get better deals.

So, here's a toast to tweaking old traditions to make a dream wedding financially attainable, and to save enough money for a long, relaxing honeymoon. (NewsUSA)

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Saying 'I do' and enjoying it too

For many brides, the quest to plan the perfect day can quickly turn into a nightmare trip down the aisle. Here are a few tips to keep your wedding day bliss from turning into the honeymoon blues.

♥ **Marriage Planning 101:** Once the ring goes on, the race to plan the perfect wedding begins, giving couples little time to think about the marriage itself or how their wedding spending decisions could affect their future. But smart couples are now setting aside time to address pre-wedding issues such as what they will do when it comes to financial planning, spending money, raising children and family politics.

With nearly half of all newlyweds taking on debt to finance their "big day," couples should take every opportunity to make their wedding-related and everyday spending count toward their future. One unique new rewards program, uTANGO.com, offers couples \$10,000, \$100,000 and even \$1 million in cash rewards to stay married and shop with uTANGO's 250-plus merchants such as Expedia, Target.com, Nordstrom.com and BlueNile. They offer free advice from wedding, financial and relationship experts.

♥ **Destination USA:** While destination weddings, especially to international locales, continue to be one of the hottest wedding trends in recent years, they can also present



challenges such as increased costs, security concerns, language barriers and unreliable vendors. A less expensive alternative is to pick a centrally located U.S. city like Chicago, known for fantastic wedding and party venues, choice accommodations and activities to suit any taste and budget. It may not be as exotic as Tahiti, but couples often find that more family and friends can attend and planning challenges are drastically reduced when the nuptials stay stateside.

♥ **Managing wedding expectations:** For many brides, planning the perfect wedding is a major life event decades in the making. With this in mind, it's easy to see how wedding expectations can get out of hand in a hurry. With wedding euphoria taking over, busy brides and grooms can quickly lose sight

of spending, causing the perfect wedding to turn into fights over money. By managing expectations of what a "dream" wedding should be, it is possible to have a lovely and elegant wedding without breaking the bank.

♥ **Bridezilla-free zone:** The term "Bridezilla" has been used to describe a difficult, unpleasant, perfectionist bride whose obsession with planning the perfect wedding day leaves frustrated family, friends, bridal vendors and even her groom distraught in her wake.

Belligerent Bridezillas beware: Some wedding vendors now go as far as to include language in their contracts reserving the right to cancel if the bride's behavior is determined to be "out of control or abusive."

♥ **Just say "no":** Brides place such demands on their bridesmaids these days that it is not uncommon for them to decline, even when it's one of their best friends. The massive to-do lists handed out by brides, coupled with the obligatory appearances for shopping, parties and showers, can leave bridesmaids feeling underappreciated, overworked and broke after the wedding is over. Brides should be upfront about both time and financial expectations with their friends when asking them to join their wedding party and understand if the answer is no. (NewsUSA)

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Wedding Checklist:

12 Months Out

- Determine your budget
- Make a guest list
- Hire a wedding planner
- Decide formality and overall theme
- Select the venue
- Select the caterer

11 Months Out

- Choose color theme and start thinking of overall design. Hire vendors who book up quickly, including your photographer, band, DJ, and videographer

10 Months Out

- Start shopping for your

wedding dress

- Book hotel-room blocks for guests
- Create your wedding website

Take engagement photos

9 Months Out

- Buy your wedding dress
- Send save-the-dates

8 Months Out

- Register for gifts
- Select the bridesmaids' dresses and schedule fittings within the month

Meet with potential florists

7 Months Out



- Book the rehearsal-dinner venue



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- Order rentals items, such as specialty chairs, linens, draping, lounge furniture, white dance floor, etc.
- Hire an officiant

6 Months Out

- Start looking at invitations
- Hire a lighting technician

5 Months Out

- Book transportation for guests, if needed
- Book the bride and groom's transportation (limo, specialty car, etc.)
- Book the honeymoon



- Buy or rent the groom's tuxedo
- Begin premarital counseling

4 Months Out

- Have your final tasting with the caterer
- Choose your cake
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Select groomsmen's attire and schedule fittings within the month

3 Months Out

- Order the invitations and hire calligrapher
- Create or plan your menu
- Brainstorm guest favors and gift bags
- Book a photo-booth rental
- Write your vows
- Select readings
- Meet with the officiant and invite him or her to the rehearsal dinner
- Start crafting any DIY items

if you haven't already

2 Months Out

- Send the wedding invitations (with RSVPs due one month before the wedding)
- Send out rehearsal-dinner invitations (these can be included with the wedding invitations if you like)
- First dress fitting
- Pick up your marriage license
- Buy wedding-party gifts
- Do a floral mock-up with your florist
- Give the song selections to

your band or DJ

- Give the song selections to your ceremony musicians
- Buy all small items, including table numbers, toasting flutes, cake topper, cake stand, cake knife, guest book, card box, ring-bearer accessories, flower-girl accessories, a cute hanger for your dress, and a garter. Also consider purchasing pashminas, flip-flops, and sunglasses for guests to change into at the reception, as well as baskets for them. You'll also need to buy any signs ("Welcome,"

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1 Month Out

- Assemble gift bags
- Pay your vendors in full
- Create a seating chart
- Order or make your escort cards and place cards
- Have a final venue walk-through
- Put cash in tip envelopes for your planner to distribute. You don't need to tip people that own their own business, such as photographers, videographers, and florists. It's customary to tip the following vendors: musicians, DJs, hair

stylist, makeup artist, drivers, bartenders, and servers. Many couples tip the wedding planner as well.

Final Week

At this point, your wedding-planning checklist is basically complete.

Take care of things like:

- Refreshing your hair color
- Getting eyebrows done
- Manicure
- Pedicure

Other than that, the only things left to do:

- Final dress fitting
- Pack your bags for the

honeymoon

- Any edible crafting

Day of the Wedding

The big day is finally here! Here's what to do the morning of the wedding:

Stay off your feet as much as possible

- Eat breakfast
- Drink water
- Take your dress and veil out of the bag early on and have someone steam them if needed

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Some moments are simply too important to trust to a camera phone. Your wedding will be one of the most memorable times of your life, and no one can capture it better than a professional photographer.

So how do you find the right one? As you interview photographers, ask them these questions to help you determine if he or she is the right photographer for you.

♥ **1.** Do you have a portfolio I can review?

Reviewing sample work allows you to see the photographer's style. Is it more formal or candid? Look for images you can see yourself in. Think of three words that describe you and share those with your photographer.

♥ **2.** Will you create a detailed shot list?

This list will ensure no important photo is missed during your wedding. You should be able to create that list together. Take an honest look at what images really matter and fill your photographer in on situations he or she might need to be aware of in order to prevent awkward moments.

♥ **3.** Do you belong to any professional associations, like the Professional Photographers of America?

You want to work with the best, and



PPA photographers do more than just snap pictures. They have the technical expertise and artistry to make you look your best and bring your vision to life. Watch this video at PPA.com/SeeTheDifference/Wedding to see why you should always use a professional photographer in these true horror stories from real brides!

♥ **4.** Do you have backup equipment?

You've prepared contingency plans for every other aspect of your wedding; your photographer should as well. A true professional will always bring one or two backup cameras, lenses, flashes, lighting

equipment, extra memory cards and batteries.

♥ **5.** Do you have liability insurance?

Accidents happen, and if one of your guests trips over your photographer's light stand, it's good to know you both are protected. Your reception venue may even ask the photographer to submit a certificate of liability ahead of time.

♥ **6.** What happens to my images after the wedding?

Will your images be backed up to a hard drive or the cloud once processed? How long will your photographer keep the images afterward? If you have any concerns

about losing your photos, knowing what the photographer plans to do with your images after your wedding is important.

♥ **7.** When will I get my photos?

Printed photos usually take several weeks, but your photographer may be able to get you some images for social media quickly. Just ask.

You won't be able to see everything that happens at your wedding. The right photographer will capture moments you never knew existed. To learn how you can find the perfect photographer for your wedding, visit PPA.com/WeddingPhotos. (NewsUSA)

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Wedding tasting at Castle in the Clouds open to the public

Moultonborough – On Saturday, April 18th, the Castle will host its annual Wedding Tasting and Open House from 12:00-3:00pm inside the Carriage House. This event provides an opportunity for attendees to see the wedding venue spaces available at Castle in the Clouds and meet with DJs, florists, photographers, photo booths, rental companies and more to discuss wedding details and services.

Guests can also try menu samplings from the Castle's three preferred caterers: Hart's Catering, Great Events Catering and The Red Blazer. Other participating vendors include Ben & Jerry's, Blue Ribbon Entertainment, George Parker on Guitar, Lotus Floral Designs, Nathan Moreau Photography, Peak Entertainment, Riverstone Floral & Design, Sutton Luxury Limousine, Sweep the Leg Entertainment, Wolfeboro Trolley Co., and more. "There are so many decisions to make when planning



a wedding," says Jessica Mailloux, Wedding and Events Coordinator. "We want this to be a helpful event where attendees can tear away from internet research to meet with key wedding day services and see our beautiful and unique venue spaces in person." Castle in the Clouds offers three on-site locations for ceremonies, cocktail hours and receptions. Weather permitting, trolley service will be available throughout the event to transport

guests to and from the Castle's wedding ceremony site on the lakeside lawn. Tickets to the Wedding Tasting and Open House are \$5 per person and are available online at castleintheclouds.org and at the door.

Attendees to the Wedding Tasting Open House should access the Carriage House via the 586 Ossipee Park Road entrance. Castle in the Clouds was a 2019 Best of the Lakes Region Gold winner for "Best Wedding Venue". It is listed on the National Register of

Historic Places and is managed by the Castle Preservation Society, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, whose mission is to preserve, interpret, and share the buildings and landscape of Castle in the Clouds as a cultural resource for the benefit of the public.

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