



Wedding Preparation QUESTIONS

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The moment the post-engagement excitement fades, a wave of pre-planning anxiety hits. It's easy to get caught up in the stress of picking vendors, brainstorming decor details, and still finding time to enjoy being engaged, but have no fear! We've rounded up the most important questions to ask your vendors to make the planning process as smooth as it can be!

These often overlooked questions are vital when it comes to booking vendors. Here's what you should find out the moment

Are we your only client that day?

This question is usually overlooked because it seems so obvious, but you will really want to find out if the vendor will be completely devoted to your big day or if they will need to work around another event.

Who will be working at our wedding?

You may assume that the consultant you meet with will be the person that works your wedding, but that's not always the case. Find out who will be the attendant at your wedding, and meet with them beforehand to discuss arrival and departure times, and what you expect from each other.

Can we get a contract in writing?

We cannot stress this enough! You should **never** book a vendor (or pay them) without getting a written contract. It verifies information, hash out the minor details, and affirm what's expected from your vendor.

What is your cancellation policy?

We certainly hope you wouldn't need to cancel a vendor, but things happen. A vendor's cancellation policy is super important (especially if your wedding is outside where you may battle unpredictable weather!).

What are your insurance options?

As a precautionary measure, looking into event liability insurance will act as a security blanket if any accidents occur during the ceremony or reception. It never hurts to look into insurance and back-up plans just in case!

Where are your customer reviews?

Reviews from past customers are true testimonies about how the vendors executed their services. Whether you search their website or social media, you'll want to get an idea of the quality of their service.

Your vendors want to make your day as special and memorable as you do. Collaborating on planning particulars and ideas will give you peace of mind and ensure an organized agenda. Address your questions and details ahead of time so you can enjoy your day without stressing over unknown specifics!

How many years of experience do you have?

Again, it's so obvious you might forget to ask! To get a realistic expectation of the service, you should find out how long they've been around and whether they have previous experience with weddings specifically.

What do you plan on wearing?

Do you have a dress code in mind? You'll want to address that with your vendors. You don't want an embarrassed vendor in jeans if you specified black-tie apparel on the invitations!

Are there any additional fees?

Some vendors will charge extra for delivery, set-up, extra equipment needed, or if your reception runs over. Make sure you know ahead of time where their numbers are coming from and what you're paying for. Is gratuity included or expected? Are taxes and fees additional or budgeted into the estimate? Are there service or delivery charges? Having answers to these important questions is key to staying on budget.

How far in advance should we book?

Every vendor is different, so make sure you ask how far in advance you'll need to book them. Some vendors, like a catering company, need a lot of time to prepare, whereas others, like favors and floral designers, only need a few months. Discuss your preferred dates to make sure they're available, and set a timeline from there.

Is there anything we need to know?

Though broad, this question invites vendors to bring up any details they're concerned about or creative ideas they want to share about the venue, time, services, etc.