

YOUR JOYFUL WEDDING CHECKLIST

- In Advance
- * Contact me to confirm the availability of your date
 - * Send deposit
 - * Work with me to create your personal ceremony
 - * Choose processional, recessional, and other music for the ceremony
 - * Invite special people to participate in the ceremony (if desired)
 - * Set a rehearsal time and place
 - * Purchase your marriage license (no more than 20 days in advance)
 - * Think about seating and family dynamics. Where do you want your parents? Grandparents? Special friends?
 - * Determine who will sign as witnesses on your marriage license and when that will be handled.
- At the Rehearsal
- * Make sure everyone who has a role in the ceremony is present, including parents, readers, attendants, ushers, singers, friends who will be handling logistics, and any other participants.
 - * Allow enough time for us to do a thorough job, factoring in the inevitable late arrival, last minute snafu, and uncooperative flower girl or ring bearer. An hour is usually adequate.
 - * Rehearsals sometimes take place in a location other than the ceremony site. In that case, it will be important to recreate some of the details of the actual site so that everyone feels comfortable at the wedding.
 - * Speak with ushers about where and when to seat special guests.
 - * Make a checklist of what will need to be brought to the wedding site on your wedding day. Be detailed and specific. If you choose to delegate, be clear and specific about that person's responsibilities.
 - * Bring the remainder of my fee
 - * Rehearsals are often where people's nerves show up! I've witnessed tears, tempers, and silliness. Bring a camera to capture all of it.
- On the Big Day
- I generally arrive about 20 to 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the ceremony. This gives me an opportunity to connect with you and your fiancé, to answer last minute questions of attendants and family members, to reassure little ones, to check on preparations, and to meet the photographer and/or videographer, musicians or DJ, and other participants.
- After the ceremony, I usually stay for about a half hour, allowing us to complete the marriage license (if it wasn't a part of the ceremony itself), take photos, if desired, and thank those who participated in the ceremony
- After the Wedding
- * You may return the signed and completed marriage license to the courthouse yourselves (which will speed the process of getting the necessary paperwork for changing your name). Or I will mail it within one or two business days. It MUST be returned within 10 days or the marriage isn't valid.
 - * Relax and enjoy your reception.
 - * Please consider sharing photos with me. I would love to include them on my website, in my display at Audra's, and in my literature!