# **Year-Out Timeline/Checklist**

### 12 months to go...

- o Work out your budget and set your top priorities, what to splurge on & what to save on
- o Start creating your ultimate Pinterest board and gather ideas of what you want for your theme
- Choose wedding date and time
- Begin your rough draft of guest list
- Choose wedding party
- Start researching venues
- Begin creating your wedding website
- o Set budget based on research

#### 9 to 11 months to go...

- If you haven't already, reserve your venue
- Have an engagement party
- Settle on wedding colors and style
- o Begin deciding on your menu selections
- Begin shopping for wedding dresses
- Finalize your guest list
- Send out save the dates
- o Begin researching florists to get an idea on cost
- Begin researching Photographers
- Begin researching Videographers
- Begin researching DJ's

### 6 to 8 months to go...

- If you haven't already order your wedding dress
- o Start to research bridesmaids dresses and make a decision on style
- Decide on your florist and book the best one
- o Book your photographer
- Book your videographer
- o Book your DJ
- o Now that you have your dress start deciding on hair styles and research hair and makeup artists
- Set a room block at a hotel near your venue for out of town guests
- Order your invitations



### 4 to 5 months to go...

- o Finalize your flower proposal with florist
- Decide on the men's formalwear
- Address invitations and send them out at your 3-month mark
- Book your own wedding night accommodations
- Book rehearsal dinner site

# 2 to 3 months to go...

- Choose accessories for yourself and bridesmaids if any
- o Buy or rent your ceremony and reception décor that are not included in your flower quote
- Make all pre-wedding beauty appointments (Facials, haircuts, color)
- Shop and buy your wedding bands
- Send out wedding invites
- Decide on wedding favors
- Arrange day of transportation if any is required
- Confirm delivery date of your dress and schedule fitting
- Have your bridal shower
- Work on the ceremony and if you and your significant other are writing your own vows begin those
- Start gathering songs to give to your DJ
- Purchase gifts for parents, attendants, wedding party, and each other
- Have your bachelorette party
- Decide on your something old, new, borrowed, and blue
- Have hair and makeup trial
- Finalize décor details
- Finalize cake details
- Finalize flower arrangements
- Confirm out of town guests have arrange hotel stay

### 1 month to go...

- Work on seating chart
- Order thank you cards
- Write vows
- Review song list with DJ
- Have final dress fitting
- Make sure bridesmaids have their dresses

### 1 to 2 weeks to go...

- o Follow up on guests who have not RSVP'd
- o Give final head count to vendors and make any final payments
- Finalize seating charter
- Get pre-wedding haircut/color
- o Apply for a marriage license together

## 2 to 3 days before...

- o Pack emergency kit
- o Get manicure and pedicure
- Get your wedding attire together
- Check into hotel
- o Have rehearsal dinner
- o Night before wedding Get a good night's sleep

### Day of...

- o Eat!! Very important to eat try to avoid sugary foods
- o Have hair and makeup done
- Present parents with gifts
- o Have a bridesmaid and groomsman deliver each other's wedding gifts