



WEDDING ETIQUETTE

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Weddings for Sale. *Imagine seeing this sign plastered on the glass of a boutique. Yes, what if a wedding is just like any other commodity up for grabs varying in appearance and quality? How would you know if you purchased the one that's worth a lifetime?*

Thank God it isn't. In some ways, preparing for a wedding is similar to shopping in a sense that you have a checklist and an infinite list of options to get everything you need. But more than shopping, making that fairytale happen is like writing your own story. In the process, you make sure the characters and the setting go hand in hand and everything's in perfect timing—even the issues and resolutions that all leads to that one happy ending.

Each wedding is as unique as each couple's preference; but regardless of scale, dealing with wedding suppliers is inevitable. Getting the perfect supplier for each requirement is like looking for a needle in a haystack. It's not new to hear horror stories about wedding preparations, the likes of supplier mishaps and

the classic miscommunication issues. Let your hardwork in finding that needle in a haystack payoff and abstain from becoming a bridezilla by establishing a good working relationship with your suppliers. Remember, suppliers will be with you from "pre" to "post" so unless you want to add up to the collection of wedding disasters, try to keep in mind the following reminders on dealing with your suppliers:

Lay down your cards

Right from day one, set everything on the table and do not cover up for restrictions and limitations. A wise man once said, "There are only two sources of frustration—undiscussed and unmet expectations." Let your supplier know what you want and expect; and in return, let them do the same. What better way to start your wedding planning than to have your thoughts and opinions aligned. Always make sure that you and your supplier are working on the same page.

Trust your suppliers

It is normal to be O.C. but too much of anything is a bad thing. What for did you

get your suppliers if you will only end up dictating what needs to be done. Give your suppliers a break and let them do their thing. As much as your wedding means a lot to you, so is their job in assuring optimum service to their clients.

You availed of the service, not the person/staff

In the middle of all the stress and pressure, it is perfectly normal to overact and be agitated, but always stay grounded and make sure you are within boundaries. Sometimes, there is a tendency to ask beyond what is due and things get personal. Stay composed. For as long as everything is coming along as planned, all is well.

Communicate before it is too late

Everything has been set since day one, but a lot of things could happen along the way. To avoid cramming and stress, set appointments and discuss important points that should be addressed. Don't forget that there is only one timetable to follow and each day brings you closer to the wedding day. There is no turning back so be mindful of your schedule and settle concerns immediately.

Wedding day courtesy

It is both common courtesy and an industry standard to ensure that all wedding vendors are properly fed and cared for during the wedding day preparations and wedding proper. In as much as you want to understand that the wedding day is all about you and your fiancé, a gesture of thoughtfulness and kindness shown towards the people who are making your dreams happen are appreciated and will go a long way. Consider having snacks & refreshments handy during the set-up period.

Don't forget, it is your wedding, handle it with love and glee

Being on board this whole preparation will sometimes take you to another planet and convert you to some other character. You can not be blamed for assuring a perfect wedding. Who wouldn't want that, anyway? But it pays off to remind yourself of the feeling of adrenaline rush, excitement and delight since the day you got engaged. Never let your nerves get the best of you; because truth is, preparing for your own wedding is a lovely and gleeful experience you'll be taking with you for the rest of your life!

Wedding suppliers may just be a part of the whole wedding plan, but they definitely make up a pretty, big part. At the end of it all, always remember that you are the author of this story and it is solely in your hands to make it a masterpiece and a timeless work of art.