



Tipping Guide

Tipping can be confusing if you don't know what, who, or when to tip your vendors. Here's a little guidance to help with practical tipping on your wedding day. If it's not already a part of the contact total- most tipping can be done on the wedding day, so it helps to assign your wedding planner, a family member, or a trustworthy groomsman to handle the task. Beforehand, organize envelopes with each person's name so they are easy to disperse on the wedding day. It is customary to tip cash, so you don't have to wait for a check to go through the bank after the wedding. Also always remember that tipping is based on your discretion- but it is an incredibly thoughtful gesture for all the hard working vendors that made your day possible.

Now let's break it down by vendor for you so you can have a clear idea of how much to tip:

Officiant: \$75-100. Typically, clergy members do not accept tips. Instead, make a donation to their place of worship in their name. Also, a civil employee (judge or clerk) may or may not be able to accept a tip, so make sure to clear this up before the wedding day. When a tip is given it is usually done at the end of the ceremony.

Ceremony Musicians/Reception Music: \$20-35 per musician or 15-20% for a DJ. If you hire musicians through a larger company- the gratuity might already be included in the contract.

Delivery Assistants (Flowers, Rentals, Cake, Etc.): \$25-40 depending on their time, distance traveled and punctuality. Whoever is supervising these deliveries typically handles the tipping.

Coat Check/Restroom Attendant: \$.50-\$1 per guest. They are doing a great job handling the coats and making sure the restrooms are fully stocked. If you are taking care of the tipping for the attendants, make sure to post a sign to let your guests know that gratuity has been taken care of. This can be taken care of before the big day, as soon as you know your final guest count.

Stylists/Makeup Artists: 15-20% of service cost. If your bridal party is going to the salon you can tip the same as always at the front desk of the salon, no special envelope needed. If they come to you (at the hotel, venue, etc.) then feel free to place cash into an envelope for them like many of your wedding vendors.

Catering Staff: 15-20% of food bill to be split among the staff. Many caterers include gratuity on the bill, so check that first. This should be given to the manager to split between the staff. Another method is to do a flat rate for each person helping: \$100-200 for manager, \$50-75 for each chef, and \$30-50 for each server and kitchen staff member.

Valets/Parking Attendants: \$1 per car. This can be done before the wedding, once you know your final guest count and roughly how many cars will be parked. Again be sure to post a sign letting your guests know that gratuity has been taken care of.

Wedding Coordinator: 15-20% of the package price. Your coordinator has been a huge part of your day, holding your hand throughout the process, punctual and available for questions as you needed, haggled great deals, and will handle any emergency that arise on the big day- it is recommended to give a service industry standard tip.

Venue Coordinator: If this person has been hands-on, it is a nice gesture to tip \$75-\$100 depending on their involvement. You may also want to consider giving a gift, like a nice bottle of wine, instead.

Bartenders: 10% of total bill to be split among the staff. If gratuity has been included in the bill, no need to offer an additional tip. This can be done at the end of the night. Some couples also decide to have a tipping jar out at the wedding so the guests can tip as they see fit throughout the night.

Photographer/Videographer: \$100-\$200. This can be done at the end of the night as they wrap up- most likely during the dance portion of the night.

Transportation: 15-20% of total bill. Check your contract to see if tipping is included, if not, tipping after the final ride is a nice gesture.