



Martin's Flowers

AT THE PINEHILLS

Things to Consider for your Wedding Flowers!

There is no question that the bride and groom will be the center of attention on the wedding day. One of the most important components to making your wedding day a perfect representation of your love and devotion is through your wedding flowers.

Next to the bride and groom, your wedding flowers are one thing that your guests will notice. Your flowers will set the tone for your event whether it's a casual backyard social or a formal affair in the finest hotel ballroom.

Think through your budget before finalizing your floral plans. A bride will spend an average of 10% to 15% of the total wedding budget on her wedding flowers. Making sure your budget is fool proof before finalizing your selections will allow you to get the best possible idea of what you will get for your money.

Provide pictures of bouquets or centerpieces that you have collected from bridal magazines. The pictures you bring in will help us understand your style and the overall feeling you wish to achieve.

What Questions Should You Consider when selecting a florist?

- * How many weddings have you done?
- * Can you see a portfolio of their past work on weddings and other events?
- * Do you have references?
- * Is the florist willing to work with your vision offering helpful professional suggestions?
- * Depending on the size of the flower shop there may be several employees that will carry out your floral arrangements. Be sure to request a meeting with the person who will arrange your flowers. Ask to see that specific person's portfolio as well.
- * How many other weddings will the florist handle on your wedding day? If several are scheduled, be sure to verify that there will be plenty of staff to carryout an on time delivery and set-up.
- * What form of payment does the florist accept?
- * Are deposits required?
- * Does the flower shop rent items like aisle candelabras, guest bookstands, alter candelabras, pew decorations, aisle runners, etc.?
- * Will the florist return to the ceremony and reception site to pick up the rentals or will you be responsible for their return?

- * How much time in advance will the florist have your flowers delivered before the wedding ceremony? When will the florist set up the reception flowers?
- * What is the cancellation policy?
- * Wedding Flower Checklist
 - Bridal Bouquet
 - Tossing Bouquet
 - Maid/Matron of Honor Flowers
 - Bridesmaid Flowers
 - Flower Girl Petals and / or Flowers
 - Mothers (corsages)
 - Grandmothers (corsages)
 - Other important female guests (corsages)
 - Flower for Hairpieces
 - Guest Book Attendant (corsage)
 - Gift Attendant (corsage)
 - Soloist (corsage)
 - Organist/Pianist (corsage)
 - Groom (boutonniere)
 - Best Man (boutonniere)
 - Groomsmen (boutonnieres)
 - Ushers (boutonnieres)
 - Fathers (boutonnieres)
 - Grandfathers (boutonnieres)
 - Other important male guests (boutonnieres)
 - Head Table Decorations and Flowers
 - Parents Table Decorations and Flowers
 - Guest Tables Centerpieces
 - Cake Table Decorations and Flowers
 - Gift Table Decorations and Flowers
 - Guest Book Table Decorations and Flowers
 - Altar Decorations and Flowers
 - Aisle Decorations and Flowers
 - Favors (many to choose from)

You may not require all the items on the check list but it is a good idea to think through what you might need rather than be disappointed on the day of the wedding.

We hope this information will be helpful. We at Martin's Flowers feel confident that we can live up to your expectations. However, which ever florist you choose for your wedding you should feel comfortable with your decisions. We wish you the best and we look forward to working with you to create something special for you on your wedding day.