

Wedding - Money Saving Tips

Your Member Service Officer is getting married in April! After an 8-year engagement, Emily has finally planned a party for their friends and family. Being the frugal girl, she wants to share some of the money saving tips she used to keep the wedding as close to her desired budget as possible. There's always something unexpected, but there's still money left over for other entertaining things...like vacation!



i. Budget- Pick A Reasonable Number and Stick to It!

This will make everything else you choose have a limit, but it could help you be realistic with your expectations.

ii. Guests- The Number Counts!

It would be lovely to invite every single one, but the more you invite, the bigger the venue and food costs and bigger the budget. Keep it to those you are both closest to. You have the rest of your lives to share the wedding joys with everyone and everyone else.

iii. Outfits- Shop Around!

Find discounts at budget friendly bridal shops (Budget Bridal in Osseo, MN). Check out outlet stores and even look for store closings for discounts on suits and accessories (B&G Crossing in SSP, MN). Find an outfit that you love but needs minimal alterations.

iv. Design Your Own Invitations.

Shop around for local printer quotes and check online printers (Shutterfly). Also remember you don't need an invite for each individual invitee. Depending how you address them, one per household can invite everyone that lives there or just the people you want from that household (i.e. kids or no kids and plus ones).

v. DJ Your Own Wedding!

Eight years is a long time to make a list of songs you love and want to hear at your party, but it can be done in less time too. Make a playlist or check playlists already made (Spotify) and just push play. Easy-Peasy.

vi. Ask Your Friends and Family to Help.

It helps to marry an amateur DJ if you want to make your own personal playlist... But there are many other people in your life that want to help and offer guidance. Get your dad to take the pictures, or have the guests take the photos with their phones (check for free apps or share on social media, make your own #, i.e. #YOURweddingDAY) or use disposable cameras (www.customcameracollection.com). Ask your loved ones to help make crafts for decorations and give-away gifts. Opt for a Cash Bar. Check for recommendations from others on bakeries or restaurants or food trucks! Check Free Stuff groups on social media (Free Stuff WSP, SSP, IGH & Mendota Heights, MN -Facebook). It's your day, make it your own!

There may be compromises, but Not Worrying about going into debt when the new chapter is starting will be Refreshing!