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WEDDINGS: WHO PAYS FOR WHAT?

Taking a more traditional route? Follow this guide to determine who should foot the wedding bills

List contributed by Colleen Bauer

More and more these days, couples are paying for the bulk of their own weddings. But it's nice when parents can, and are willing to, pitch in.

For the more traditional route, follow this list of who should pay to make your special day come together.

Bride

- Groom's wedding ring
- Groom's wedding gift
- Bridal attendants gifts
- Bridal attire and accessories
- Wedding consultant fees
- Bridal luncheon
- Medical visit for the bride
- Accommodations for out-of-town guests

Groom

- Bride's engagement and wedding ring
- Groom's gift to bride
- Groomsmen/ushers gifts
- Bride's bouquet
- Mother's corsages
- Medical visit for the groom
- Marriage license
- Clergyman/officiate fee
- Groom's attire

- Boutonnieres for groomsmen/ushers
- Limousine service
- Honeymoon arrangements

Bride's family

- Wedding gown/headpiece/accessories
- Wedding trousseau
- Wedding invitations and announcements
- Wedding programs
- Napkins/matches/printed items
- Wedding favors
- Rice bags
- Canopy/carpet
- Kneeling bench/candelabras
- Rented items for wedding
- Rented items for reception
- Church fee
- Church janitor
- Wedding reception
- Catered reception, professional services
- Floral arrangements for ceremony, reception, bridal bouquet, bridesmaid's bouquet, corsages and boutonnieres for immediate family

- Wedding photography
- Video photography
- Musical entertainment: orchestra, band, DJ
- Wedding breakfast
- Bridal lunch
- Father of the bride formal wear

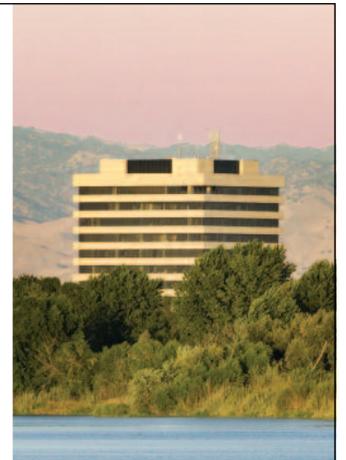
Groom's family

- Groom's cake
- Rehearsal dinner
- Boutonnieres and corsages for immediate family members
- Father of the groom formal wear

Attendants

- Rental or purchase of their wedding attire
- Travel expenses to and from the wedding city
- Wedding gift for the couple
- Bridal/co-ed shower/favors if desired
- Bachelorette party

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