

10 WAYS TO CUT WEDDING COSTS

1. **Save on the Cake.** Large-tiered wedding cakes are expensive. By opting for a two-tiered cake (perfect for photo ops) with the addition of a sheet cake or two in the back can cut costs. Plus, you'll still have plenty of dessert for all to enjoy!
2. **Save on Postage.** Utilizing postcards for your "Save the Dates" can cut costs on postage and envelopes.
3. **Save on Centerpieces.** Although large floral centerpieces are beautiful, they are very expensive. Ask your venue about their house centerpieces (typically free-of-charge). If they offer glass vases, use candles instead of flowers to cut costs.
4. **Save on the Venue.** Weddings on Friday or Sunday typically cost much less than on Saturday.
5. **Save on the Food.** A dinner reception is typically more expensive than a lunch or brunch reception. Consider having your wedding earlier in the day and save big. Plus, who doesn't love brunch? A Mimosa and Bloody Mary bar is calling your name. But if you have your heart set on an evening affair, a cocktail reception can help cut costs as well.
6. **Save on the Drinks.** An open bar is always a nice touch for your guests but it can be very expensive. In order to cut bar costs, consider doing beer/wine only or avoiding top-shelf liquor packages.
7. **Save on Guest Expenses.** Consider an intimate wedding with only close friends and family. Most guest expenses you'll run into are based on cost per person. By keeping your guest list on the shorter side you'll save a lot of money in the long run.
8. **Save on Transportation.** Consider having your ceremony and reception at the same location. This can eliminate the need for limousines and/or the costs associated for transporting your guests.
9. **Save on Attire.** Although you may be dreaming of a designer gown/suit, by avoiding big name brands you can save \$1,000's. Try to find a more affordable yet similar version to your designer dream.
10. **Save on the Linens.** Most venues offer linens, chair covers and napkins free-of-charge and if colored linen options are not included, consider using pops of color elsewhere.

Tip #1

DIY what you can! Doing something yourself typically will help cut your costs. But remember your time and sanity are valuable and if DIY isn't your thing, consider having a friend or family member help out!

Tip #2

Budget. Figure out what you can afford. Prioritize what you need. Cut costs where you can. There is always Sperry's Wedding Loan to help you cover costs and achieve your wedding dreams.

Tip #3

Your big day should be inspired by you as a couple. Personalize where you can. Rather than numbering the tables, name them after places you've traveled to together or even rename your "signature drinks" after your pets.

Tip #4

Number the back of each RSVP card and assign each number to a guest. If someone forgets to write their name on the card this will ensure that you will know who it's from.

Tip #5

Splurge on photography and videography... you will cherish both forever!

