

Now Till The Big Day

THINGS TO DO NOW

- Decide on your chosen date for your wedding and book your blessing and/or reception with The Secret Garden!
- Choose where you would like to hold your wedding ceremony and meet with your priest/minister/rabbi or book your wedding registrar
- Make a wedding file and/or create your wedding website to help you keep track of all your wedding plans, bookings, receipts etc

8-12 MONTHS BEFORE

- Create your guest list
- Choose wedding stationary and send out save-the-date cards
- Visit a wedding fair to meet suppliers. They can be a little overwhelming so go with a plan and try to get as much information as possible
- Choose your caterer, organise a tasting and book
- Research and book your photographer as photography styles can vary greatly
- Find a florist and discuss ideas, themes and colour schemes
- Decide on your music and any entertainment (photobooth etc) and book
- Choose on how you wish to get to your ceremony, blessing and/or reception and book your chosen transport

6-8 MONTHS BEFORE

- Create and send out your wedding invitations
- Confirm arrangements with your chosen wedding officiant and meet to discuss the service
- Plan your honeymoon!
- Organise hen and stag dos
- Organise fittings for wedding dress and wedding suits
- Decide on bridesmaid dresses
- Buy wedding bands
- Choose and order your wine if not sourcing from your caterer
- Choose your wedding cake supplier, organise a tasting and order your chosen cake!
- Decide on a gift list or alternative plan for wedding presents
- Draw up a list of local accommodation, secure set guest rates and send the details to all of your guests

4-6 MONTHS BEFORE

- Hold a meeting with the secret garden team
- Book hair and makeup artist, organise a trial run through
- Organise orders for any additional decorative items you wish to include for your big day
- Schedule your rehearsal day and dinner
- Start to write your wedding vows
- Design and print your order of service and any directional wedding signage you may wish to have
- Follow up any unanswered invitations

1-2 MONTHS BEFORE

- Give final guest numbers to The Secret Garden and your caterer or drinks supplier if not through us
- Design and create your table plan and place cards
- Check in with all of your suppliers to confirm dates and/or delivery
- Have your final dress fitting
- Final hair and makeup practice
- Buy your marriage license
- Order your wedding favours
- Choose and buy gifts for your wedding party

1 WEEK TO GO

- Pack for your honeymoon
- Organise a date to drop off any final decorations to the Secret Garden Marquee
- Wear in your wedding shoes at home!

THE DAY BEFORE

- Decorate the Secret Garden Marquee!
- Have your florist drop off any flowers for the Marquee

ON THE DAY

- Receive your wedding flowers for you and your wedding party
- Leave plenty of time to get ready and enjoy your morning with your bridal party.
- We look forward to welcoming you after your ceremony!