

wedding day timeline

DAY-OF TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS -

What time should my wedding ceremony start at The Manor House?

When selecting a ceremony time, you'll want to consider various factors including average temperatures, sunset time, time for photos and your contracted time at the venue. For evening weddings, our average ceremony time is 5pm (5:30 in mid-summer / 4:30 in early spring or late fall). If you are hosting a winter wedding, you may want to consider an earlier event due to Daylight Saving Time.

Due to our liquor liability insurance requirements, the bar can be open a maximum of six hours. The bar opens about 30 minutes after your scheduled ceremony time and closes 30 minutes prior to your event end time. With an 11pm event end time, the earliest ceremony we can accommodate is 4pm.

What time do we have to exit?

If you're hosting an evening event, please schedule your final activity (i.e. last dance, send-off, etc.) no later than 15 minutes prior to your event end time (10:45pm in most cases). If you are hosting a morning wedding, please schedule your final activity no later than 1:45pm. Vendors are allowed a 30-minute grace period after the contracted end time to complete breakdown and exit the venue.

See below for sample timelines of the different timeslots offered by The Manor House (buyout, evening, & morning).

Sample timeline for an evening wedding (all-day buyout)

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| 10am | Access to The Manor House begins (includes guest house & bridal suite) Ladies: hair & makeup |
| 12pm | Gents arrive Lunch for the wedding parties |
| 3pm | Maybe a first look / first touch and couple photos Wedding party photos |
| 4:30pm | Guests begin to arrive |
| 5pm | Ceremony |
| 5:30 - 6:30pm | Cocktail hour Family photos, couple photos |
| 6:30pm | Seat guests for dinner Couple / wedding party is announced Maybe a welcome toast or blessing |
| 7pm | Dinner service |
| 8pm | Toasts Cake cutting Traditional dances Dancing and fun continues . . . |
| 10:30pm | Bar closes |
| 10:45pm | Last dance / send-off |
| 11pm | Event ends guests exit vendor breakdown begins |
| 11:30pm | All vendors exit |

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Sample timeline for an evening wedding (3pm - 11pm)

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| 3pm | Access to The Manor House begins Ladies: arrive with hair & makeup complete Gents: arrive and begin getting dressed |
| 3:45pm | Maybe a first look / first touch and couple photos Wedding party photos |
| 4:30pm | Guests begin to arrive |
| 5pm | Ceremony |
| 5:30 - 6:30pm | Cocktail hour Family photos, couple photos |
| 6:30pm | Seat guests for dinner Couple / wedding party is announced Maybe a welcome toast or blessing |
| 7pm | Dinner service |
| 8pm | Toasts Cake cutting Traditional dances Dancing and fun continues . . . |
| 10:30pm | Bar closes |
| 10:45pm | Last dance / send-off |
| 11pm | Event ends guests exit vendor breakdown begins |
| 11:30pm | All vendors exit |

Sample timeline for a morning wedding (7am - 2pm)

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| 7am | Access to The Manor House begins Ladies: arrive for hair & makeup Gents: arrive and begin getting dressed |
| 8:30am | Maybe a first look / first touch and couple photos Wedding party photos |
| 9:30pm | Guests begin to arrive |
| 10am | Ceremony |
| 10:30 - 11:30pm | Cocktail hour Family photos, couple photos |
| 11:30pm | Seat guests for brunch Couple / wedding party is announced Maybe a welcome toast or blessing |
| 11:45am | Brunch service |
| 12:30pm | Toasts Cake cutting Traditional dances Dancing and fun continues . . . |
| 1:30pm | Bar closes |
| 1:45pm | Last dance / send-off |
| 2pm | Event ends guests exit vendor breakdown begins |
| 2:30pm | All vendors exit |