



# Tips & Ideas for Outdoor Weddings

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## Make Your Outdoor Wedding Event Outstanding!

An Outdoor Wedding is a wonderful opportunity to create an elegant, dream wedding. To ensure a smooth event, couples who desire an outdoor wedding must consider specific event details. Please use the following tips and ideas listed as a starting point to plan your Outdoor Wedding Event.

### Décor

- Lighting
  - Time of Day—how late will there be light?
  - If using string lighting, use multiple outlets so that the lights remain lit
- Table Cloths
  - Have extra on hand in case of spills while decorating or for extra tables as needed
- Table Centerpieces
  - Height of centerpieces is important due to wind and other weather-related factors
  - Weight in the bottom of vases will help keep them upright
- Candle Scents
  - Use scents that repel bugs such as citronella

### Bride & Groom Strategies

- Drink plenty of water
- Build short breaks into the plan to enjoy your wedding
- Brides are encouraged to have a change of shoes such as flip-flops or flats to be more comfortable in the evening
- Wedding Favors are a tradition—how will your favor be affected by the heat & sun?

### Events & Selections

- The Ceremony
  - What audio options are appropriate?
- Cocktail Hour
  - Have an area with shade
  - Background music
- Dinner
  - Served or Buffet?
- Festivities & Open Dancing
  - Use a planning guide

## Planning Your Dream Outdoor Wedding

### Complimentary Items

- Guests may need items during the wedding—provide items in/near the bathrooms including:
  - Tylenol and Ibuprofen
  - Band-Aids
  - Benadryl
  - Bug Spray
  - Safety Pins
  - Several types of tape

### Layout & Design

- Parking
  - Mark stalls
  - Lighting in the evening
- Bathrooms
  - Have enough for the number of guests
  - Lighting in the evening
  - Hand-washing station
- Trash Receptacles
  - Have many available for the entire evening
- Dance Floor
  - Providing a wood-floor encourages dancing
- Beverage Area
  - Locate the bar where it best fits your style
- Smoking Instructions
  - Will you allow smoking? If so, provide a smoking area with cigarette caddies
- Seating Charts
  - Secure from wind
- Power & Generators
  - Ask providers about their power needs

### Facility & Catering Corner

- Many facilities & caterers also offer rentals of items including:
  - Tent with side options
  - Chairs and covers
  - Tables and linens
  - Glassware and silverware
  - Dance floors
  - Bars

*\*Ask about included set-up options and requirements*



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Picture of the Priestley-Savidge House, Northumberland, PA