

Wedding-Day Tipping Worksheet

Wedding workers usually get a gratuity if you're happy with their services. Tips are generally given at the end of the wedding; you might want to designate someone to be in charge of handing them over. Before you start liberally giving out cash, however, check the bill—particularly the catering bill—to see if a gratuity is included. And if you're unsure of the tipping policy at your reception site, talk to the manager for suggestions. Put tips in sealed envelopes to be given to:

	\$Amt	#	Total
<input type="checkbox"/> Ceremony site staff \$ _____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Ceremony musicians \$ _____ each	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Banquet manager	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Maître d' \$ _____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wait staff \$ _____ each	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bartenders \$ _____ each	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Restroom attendant(s) \$ _____ each	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Coatroom attendant(s) \$ _____ each	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Valet(s) \$ _____ each	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Security guard(s) \$ _____ each	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Reception musicians	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Hair stylist	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Makeup artist	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Delivery driver(s) \$ _____ each	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Limo driver(s) \$ _____ each	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> _____	\$ _____	_____	\$ _____
Total cash needed			\$ _____

General Tipping Guidelines

- Club or banquet manager: 15–20 percent of the reception bill (less if there is also a maître d')
- Maître d' or captain: 15–20 percent of the reception bill (less if there is also a banquet manager)
- Wait staff: At least \$20 each; maître d' will distribute tips for you
- Bartenders: \$25–\$40 each
- Restroom and coatroom attendants: 50 cents to \$1 per guest
- Valets: 50 cents to \$1 per car, or arrange a gratuity with management
- Limo driver(s): 15–20 percent of the total bill (to distribute between them)
- Delivery driver(s) (for flowers, cake, and other items): \$10 each
- DJ crew or band members: \$20–\$25 each
- Hairstylist and makeup artist: 15–20 percent of bill
- Have extra \$10 and \$20 bills for unexpected occasions