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## Vendor Tip Guide

A tip is a polite way of saying thank you. It's always smart to tip for extraordinary service, especially if a vendor goes above and beyond. Check your contract carefully to see if gratuity is already included so you don't double tip. The list below is a general guide and specifics will differ depending on location and service provided.

### Preparation

Prepare white envelopes with vendor name on the front for the cash tips. This makes them easy to give out. Have some extra cash available for anyone you may have forgotten. If you have a day-of coordinator, give them some of the envelopes to distribute to the vendors that you may not see.

### The Guide

#### **Hair & Makeup**

Expected

15 - 25% of total services

Tip at the end of your services.

#### **Wedding Planner**

Not Expected

\$200 - \$500 or a nice gift

Send check with thank you card shortly after the wedding or when you return from your honeymoon.

#### **Officiant**

Optional

\$50 - \$100

Give after the rehearsal or after the ceremony.

#### **Officiant (with church)**

Expected

Donate \$100 - \$500+ to the church. Every church is different, so ask what is customary.

Give after the rehearsal.

**Ceremony Musicians**

Not Expected

\$20 - \$30 per musician

Give after the ceremony.

**DJ**

Expected

\$50 - \$200

Tip at the end of the reception.

**Band**

Expected

\$25 - \$50 per musician

Tip at the end of the reception.

**Transportation**

Expected

15 - 20% of total services

Some contracts include gratuity. If none is included, give \$25 - \$50 per driver. Give after the last rides of the evening.

**Catering Staff**

Not Expected

\$25 per staff member

Gratuity is typically included in your contract. However, if excellent service was given, you can give a little extra to each staff member including: servers, bartenders, kitchen staff, and banquet manager.

**Photographer & Videographer**

Not Expected

\$50 - \$250 for the photographer/main shooter and assistant

Send check with thank you card shortly after the wedding or when you return from your honeymoon.

**Seamstress**

Expected

15 - 20% of alteration costs

Give after service is provided

**Delivery Staff**

Optional

\$5 - \$10 per delivery person

Pay cash upon delivery for delivery staff for things such as cake, rentals, furniture, sound system, flowers. It is also helpful to have cash on hand for helpful bellman, valet, front desk agents and concierge agents.