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### What you should know about renewing your marriage vows

Renewing your wedding vows might be the perfect way reaffirm your love and commitment to your partner. Here's what you should know about vow renewal ceremonies.

### WHY DO IT

There are several reasons you might want to renew your marriage vows. For some couples, this type of ceremony is put together to celebrate a milestone wedding anniversary. For others, the chance to host the perfect wedding reception, especially if the first one didn't go according to plan, is the prime incentive.

### WHEN TO DO IT

You can renew your marriage vows whenever you want. However, many couples se-

lect a milestone anniversary, especially the 20<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> or 40<sup>th</sup>. However, there are no rules or deadlines, so feel free to choose any day that feels right.

### **HOW TO DO IT**

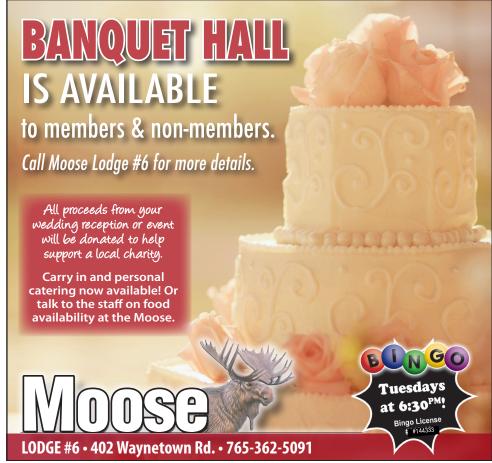
Make sure to invite all your loved ones, and let them know about the event ahead of time so they can reserve the day. Decide whether you want to host a formal or informal reception, a small gathering or large event, or an exotic getaway or backyard bash.

No matter what you decide about your vow renewal ceremony, be sure to turn to your local merchants and suppliers to help you create a memorable day.











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### 5 tips for planning a successful wedding

Did you recently get engaged? Are you planning your wedding? If so, follow these five tips to ensure your big day is a success.

### 1. ARRANGE ACCOMMODATIONS

If your reception is taking place in the countryside or you have guests attending from out of town, consider making arrangements with nearby hotels. This way you can ensure people attending your wedding will have somewhere to stay.

### 2. BE PREPARED FOR ANY WEATHER

It's important to be prepared for any weather on your wedding day, especially if your ceremony or reception will take place outdoors. You should think about what to do if it rains, how to keep your guests warm in the evening and if there's a need to ward off bugs.

### 3. SET AND KEEP A BUDGET

Wedding costs can escalate quickly, so it's essential to keep an eye on your budget.

Consider placing all your important documents and bills in a binder and only using one credit card to pay for your wedding expenses.

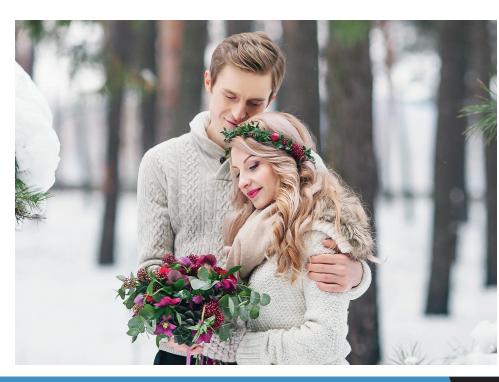
### 4. DETERMINE IF KIDS WILL BE INVOLVED

Decide if you want to invite little ones to your wedding. If children are welcome, specify whether they must be under parental supervision or if childcare will be provided.

### 5. KEEP A LIST OF CONTACTS

You must co-ordinate many different people and services on your big day, including the caterer and DJ. Therefore, it's a good idea to keep all important phone numbers on hand leading up to and during the wedding.

If you want to make sure you don't forget anything on your big day, consider working with an experienced wedding planner.





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### 3 tips for choosing the perfect wedding jewelry

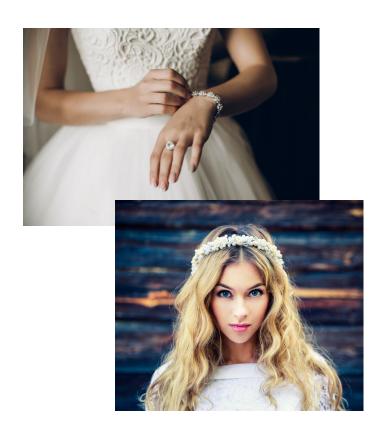
Are you wondering what kind of jewelry to wear on your wedding day? Here are three tips to help you match your accessories to your wedding attire.

- **1.Be yourself.** If you never wear jewelry in your day-to-day life, you shouldn't be dripping in jewels on your wedding day. However, if you love the way you look in big chunky earrings or long necklaces, go for it.
- 2. Match the metal to the dress. Pure white dresses look best with silver jewelry, while ivory or champagne fabrics pair well with gold. If you've chosen to wear a

blush-hued gown, opt for rose gold.

**3. Consider the neckline.** Highnecked or halter dresses look best with statement earrings and a simple bracelet. A V-neck is practically begging for a beautiful necklace to fill the space. And a sweetheart or strapless gown goes with anything, from a choker to a pendant or even just the right earrings.

On your wedding day, less is more. Your radiant face, your beautiful gown and your new wedding ring won't need much embellishing.









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