

The day after the big day ...



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now what?

A checklist for the post-game show.

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You've planned for months, if not a year. You wore the "perfect white dress." You enjoyed great food, great friends and have danced all night. Then you woke up the day after your big day to realize the wedding you've dreamed of has come and gone.

Now what?

Just because the wedding is over, doesn't mean your excitement and "to-do's" are behind you. Fun, new responsibilities lie ahead. Banish those post-nuptial blues. Take your "Mrs." title and put it to work as a newlywed.

Announcements: Share your happy event with friends and family; mail wedding announcements to people left off the guest list.

Keep spreading the news in publications like the Beacon locally, or where you live, grew up or where your parents live.

Preserve Your Bridal Attire: Take your dress to a professional cleaner who specializes in wedding gowns — right away — especially if there are spots or spills. Your dress, veil and train will be placed in a sealed box for safekeeping. Preserving your bridal bouquet is much like creating a piece of custom artwork. Make sure to interview specialists. Preserve it in your freezer to keep its color until you can get it to a professional.

Photography: Meet with your photographer immediately after the honeymoon to view your wedding proofs. Once you have selected your photos and quantity of prints, choose the ones to be used in an album. If you are getting your negatives, make sure to store them in a safe place

and ask for them on a disk or CD-ROM.

Post-Wedding Party: As newlyweds, hosting a post-wedding party is a great way to see close family and friends again and to remember and celebrate your recent nuptials. It's always fun to hear stories of events that you missed and to share wedding photos and videos. Also, this is a good opportunity to showcase wedding gifts and your new home as a married couple.

First Anniversary: You've been married for 365 days. Let's celebrate! It's a milestone honoring the commitment you made to each other. Your first anniversary is full of traditions, such as sharing bites of your wedding cake and exchanging gifts. "Paper or plastic" is the traditional first year anniversary gift.

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