



Your Final Visit (5-7 days prior to wedding day)

We want there to be no unanswered questions on your wedding day, so the final visit is our opportunity to take detailed notes about your day and your wedding reception timeline. Please use this check list as you prepare for your final visit.

Final Head Count

- **DUE:** 14 days before the wedding; call The Grandview with your approximate guest count in these terms
 - ___ Adults (Remember to include the two of you into your adult guest count.)
 - ___ Children (4-10 years old)
 - ___ Babies (3 and under)
 - ___ Vendors/Professionals - those you have hired that will be eating; (ie. DJ, photographer, etc.)

☐ **Final Payment in Cash or Certified Check**

- 5 days before the wedding, your final payment is due. Be sure The Grandview has your final guest count prior to your final visit.
- Accepted forms of payment for your final payment are cash, certified check or bank check only. We do not accept personal checks or credit cards at the final visit. You are able to make payments by personal check up until one month before the wedding date.
- Per your agreement, the higher of the final count or the guaranteed minimum will constitute the number of guests for which you must pay.
- You have up until 24 hours before the wedding to change your guest count. If you are subtracting a guest, you need to provide the name and table number for which that guest was seated at on your floor plan. Email this change to your wedding sales coordinator. Without this information, you will not receive a refund. You will receive a refund for that guest, granted your total guest count does not go lower than your minimum guarantee. Please update your wedding sales coordinator with your current mailing address. The refund check will be issued approximately one month after the wedding.

☐ **Floor Plan, Completed**

- You will average 10 guests per table; ranging from 10-12 people. Tables have a maximum guest count of 12 guests per table. Take your total number of guests and divide it by 10. This is how many tables and table linen are included in your package. If you have more tables than this calculation, the cost is \$150 per additional table.
- Ppl = Number of total people, including children and babies. Fav = Numbers of favors on the tables. If you do not want favors on the dining tables, leave this line blank.
- Make sure to include guests that are seated at the head table whether that is a sweetheart table or dais.

- ☐ **Place Cards or large seating arrangement board/frame** - Place cards must be received by the final visit. Bring your place cards in alphabetical order by last name. If you bring the place cards by table number, it is difficult for your guests to find their place card promptly. Make sure you have the guest name and table number on each place card. If you are naming your tables a special name, please also put a coordinating number on the floor plan and place cards. This will help your guests find their tables faster, and get your party started.

- ☐ **Table # Sheet for Introductions & Dinner Orders** - Anyone who is in the wedding party as well as immediate family should be listed on this sheet with their table number and their relationship to the wedding (ie, Wedding Party, Parents, **Grandparents**, etc.)

☐ **Vendor Liability Sheet & Your Hired Vendors and The Grandview, Completed**

- The Grandview allows you to contract any wedding professional vendor you would like, as long as they send a Certificate of Liability Insurance (COI), one month prior to your wedding date. sales@grandviewevents.com.
- The policy must be for at least \$1,000,000 and name The Grandview as an additional insured.

☐ **Special Events Agenda**

☐ **Final Review Sheet**

☐ **Ceremony Sheet, (if applicable)**

- ☐ **Favors** - Please note how many favors will go at each table next to the space, "____Fav" on the floor plan. If the favors are not being placed at the tables, please note that in the notes section on the floor plan. Favors involving ANY alcohol, must be placed on a favor table, and distributed at the end of the evening.

- ☐ **Cake Knife/Server & Toasting Glasses** - If you do not have a set, The Grandview will be happy to provide them.

- ☐ **Cake Topper** - If you are planning to have fresh flowers on your cake, please make sure the florist gives them to our pastry chef on the day of the wedding at least one hour prior to the start time.

- ☐ **Guest Book and Pen** (if applicable)

- ☐ **Card Box**

Commonly Asked Questions about Final Planning

How do we bring in items at the final visit?

- All decorations must come with **packaging removed, stickers off, fully assembled and ready to be placed out**. We recommend bringing an inventory list of all you are bringing for the wedding day, so we can check them off as we take notes on your items.

Who do we tip?

- Staff gratuity is at your discretion. We're happy to give you a range based on guidance from Hudson Valley Wedding Planners.
 - Wait Staff - \$25-\$100 each (1 server to every 20 guests)
 - Bartenders - With a tip jar at your discretion, without a tip jar \$125 each (1 bartender to every 50 guests)
 - Maître 'd- \$2-4 per guest attending the event
 - Captain - \$100-\$150
 - Wedding Attendant - \$100-\$150
 - Sales Coordinator - \$100-\$175
 - If you are going to tip anyone who went above and beyond for you, a suggestion would be is to make up envelopes and distribute them that way, as to not have to think about it at the end of the evening. We are happy to provide envelopes for you. Most couples give the envelopes at the final visit so they don't have to think about them on the wedding night, but of course, that's up to you both.

Ceremony Site / Décor / Wedding Items

- The Grandview **does not permit** Confetti, Bird Seed, Glitter, Artificial Flowers or Lavender to be thrown.
- The Grandview **does not permit** any décor or florals to be hung from the chandeliers.
- The Grandview does not allow real candles on the table if the flowers are faux/silk flowers.
- All decorations for your ceremony, besides the unmatched views of Hudson River, are provided by you and your florist/decorator. The Grandview does not provide the service of decorating the ceremony area. This includes hanging items from the pergola/gazebo, fresh flowers or flower petals, and hanging bows on chairs.
- The Grandview will certainly distribute bubbles, fans, sand ceremony sets, unity candles, yarmulkes, programs and/or tissues for your convenience. Please bring these items to the final visit.
- If you plan to have an aisle runner, let us know who will be pulling it before you walk down the aisle. If you want it pre-taped down, your florist will do that and you should give the runner directly to them.
- Flameless candles must be used for outside ceremony, and any candles that will be on the floor level.
- The Grandview decorates your cocktail stations with silk flowers and candles. These flower arrangements are property of The Grandview and are subject to seasonal availability. If you wish to have your own florist or decorator provide arrangements in the cocktail area and not use The Grandview's flowers, please let us know at the final visit. The Grandview includes the following votive candles: one on every cocktail table, several around your cake table, place card table, gift table, head table and two on every dining table. The votive candles are white, 6 hour candles in a clear cylinder glass.
- Unfortunately, it is impossible to set up your wedding prior to the day of the event. One of the reasons is that our ballrooms are not secure locations. After your final appointment, your items will be tagged with your names, secured in a locked room, and taken out on the day of the wedding for setup.
- We will use your final checklist as an inventory of items that need to be packed up for you. All gifts, wedding décor and personal items must leave the property at the conclusion of your reception. We can store the top tier of your wedding cake overnight, for pick-up the next morning ONLY.
- The Grandview is not liable for any items left behind, under any circumstance.

To-Go Food

- The Grandview is an on-site consumption facility, delivering an exceptional dining experience.
- Guests will be provided a to-go box for their plated entrée if any leftovers remain for them to take home. Their slice of wedding cake may also be packed up to go. No additional boxes will be provided to guests.
- The Wedding Attendant will box the entrée and slice of cake leftover from the wedding couple. The Wedding Attendant will pack a sampler of cocktail hour items as well as any dessert station for the wedding couple only, upon request. The cake topper is also boxed and given to the wedding couple.

Centerpieces

- Don't bring your centerpieces to the final visit. Centerpieces must arrive the day of the wedding. You should give them to whomever is setting them up directly. The Grandview does not provide the service of setting up any floral or non-floral centerpieces. We will light your candles.
- Flowers from your florist can arrive through the service entrance on the day of the wedding. The Grandview does not allow a florist to drop flowers off prior to the day of the wedding. All vases and floral décor must be picked up by the florist the night of the wedding. If the florist cannot pick up vases after the wedding, then the vases will go home with you at the end of the night.
- If you are using candelabras, candles must be dripless.

Arrival Time on the Day of the Wedding

- Your wedding attendant will greet you at your contracted arrival time; champagne will be available in your wedding suite. If you would like service before this, you can reserve a Pampered Package. Please ask your wedding sales coordinator for Pampered Package options. Beer, wine, and liquor will be available at the start of your cocktail hour.

Parking

- To promote responsible driving, The Grandview allows you or your guests to leave their vehicle in our lot overnight and retrieving it the next day. If a guest does not retrieve their valeted car keys; they will be at the front desk of The Grandview the next morning.

Permission from The Grandview is required if you need us to set-up anything beyond what is listed on this sheet.
Additional costs may be charged for increased labor.