

Top 10 Tips For A Tented Wedding



Congratulations on your engagement!

Our event consultants have been planning tented weddings and events for over 30 years. Here are our top tips to help you get started.

- #1 Sizing the Tent**

Your consultant can assist with making sure that everything will fit appropriately. A site visit conducted by your event consultant and one of our lead tent installers will help in determining if the tent will fit properly in the space available. Our staff will also review several key points in regards to your tent site such as adequate drainage and the general "lay of the land" to ensure the success of your special day.
- #2 The Right Time**

Consider the timing of your outdoor wedding. Be sure to think about where the sun will be during your event. This is not only important for photos but for the comfort of your guests. Be sure the sun will not be in their eyes during your ceremony.
- #3 Power**

With the help of your event consultant, review the power needs for your entire event. There may not be enough, or there may even be no power access available at your location. If additional power is required, Canton Chair Rental can provide a generator that is appropriate for your event.
- #4 Caterer's Needs**

Talk with your caterer to confirm their "work space" requirements. A separate tent may be needed, especially if there are no other facilities onsite. Canton Chair Rental can provide this additional work tent.
- #5 Parking**

Look at the property and determine the best scenario for parking. If there is limited space, consider contacting a nearby church or school. They may give you permission to use their parking lot space. Then arrange transportation to shuttle the guests to and from your site.
- #6 Restroom Facilities**

Make sure you provide adequate restroom facilities for your guests. Renting a restroom trailer is a popular option versus everyone using the restroom in the house. There are many options and not just the standard "Port-A-John" units that you see at the county fair. Your event consultant can provide you with additional information.
- #7 Guest Comfort**

In addition to the restrooms, consider the comfort of your guests while under the tent. If it is warm, you may need fans to help circulate the air. In cooler months, using tent heaters will help to keep your guests comfortable. You may also want to consider providing guests access to insect repellent, small packets of tissues, and sunscreen.
- #8 Insect Control**

You may also consider spraying the lawn or hiring a professional to treat the area beforehand to help keep the mosquitoes at bay during your event.
- #9 Mowing / Lawn Care**

Review with the property owner regarding their mowing schedule and sprinkler system (if applicable). Your consultant will help to coordinate the installation of the tent with their mowing schedule. Visit the site one week prior to your event to look things over. If there are any issues, review with the property owner.
- #10 Weather Plan**

Develop a Plan B in the event of inclement weather. The safety of you and your guests is our #1 priority. Have details in place ahead of time to make sure everyone is safe, just in case.

