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Everyone knows that weddings aren't cheap. No matter how small you plan for it to be, or how strict of a budget you set up, chances are good you are going to end up spending more money than you planned. Some of those costs are justified - this is your BIG DAY. However, there are some loopholes we've found that can help you save a great deal of money on your wedding!

#1. The Flowers



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People are always surprised by how much wedding flowers end up costing. For things whose life isn't more than a couple of days, it is hard to spend thousands of dollars on greenery for your wedding. In order to avoid higher costs, double dip: use the same flowers for your reception as you did for your ceremony. Also, try to use flowers that are in-season. Anything that is out of season will mean higher prices.

#2. The Food and Libations



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Oh the food. This seems to be an area of so much consternation for brides and grooms. What should you serve? Should you serve a sit-down dinner, or a buffet-style dinner? Should you serve dinner at all? What about drinks?

By serving a family-style meal or opting for heavy hor d'oeuvres, you can save yourself a pretty penny. When it comes to alcohol, opt for beer and wine only as opposed to a full bar. This will keep costs way down and also keep your guests from getting *too* rowdy.

#3. The Venue



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Instead of picking different venues for your ceremony and reception, find one that will work for both. This also cuts down on costs of

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transportation for you and your guests, and makes it easier for you to take our #1 advice about reusing your flowers.

#4. The Honeymoon



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Rather than straight-up asking for money, you can ask guests to donate to your honeymoon fund via sites such as [Honeyfund](#).