

Frequently Asked Questions



We understand that planning a wedding or event can feel overwhelming. To help ease the process, we've put together answers to some of the most common questions we receive. Our hope is that this guide brings you clarity and makes your planning a little easier.

Is it necessary for us to go through BUX for rentals?

No, you don't have to go through BUX for rentals. However, please keep your package details in mind. For example, if your package only includes access to the venue for one day, all rentals must be delivered and picked up on the same day. Overnight storage of rentals is only permitted with a package that specifically allows overnight stays—unfortunately, no exceptions can be made.

So, what exactly does Day-of Coordination cover—and is it really worth it?

Day-of Coordination is perfect for couples who want a little extra support to make sure everything runs smoothly. This service is designed to relieve stress by having someone guide your vendors, direct the bridal party and set-up crew, and keep the timeline on track so that everyone is where they need to be. With a coordinator handling the details and unexpected hiccups behind the scenes, you and your loved ones can relax and enjoy your special day.

Can we have hard liquor or specialty cocktails?

We are a beer and wine only venue—absolutely no exceptions. If you choose to have a bartender, they must hold a valid Washington State liquor license. In addition, if you serve beer, wine, or seltzers, you are required to obtain a Washington State Banquet Permit. No exceptions will be made.

Are we able to set up during the rehearsal, or leave anything at the venue overnight?

If your package includes an overnight stay on the rehearsal night, you're welcome to set up and leave your belongings overnight. If your package does not include an overnight stay, then nothing may be left at the venue—this also applies to clean-up. For one-day packages, all set-up and clean-up must be completed by 10:00 PM. If you'd like the option to leave items overnight, you'll need to upgrade your package to one that includes an overnight stay.

What do we have access to? What can we use?

You will have full access to the venue, including all designated locations and buildings. All lights, tables, and fixtures on site are included; however, please note that lights cannot be moved. The forest area includes benches (as-is) and the arch, which also cannot be moved or relocated. In addition, we provide a variety of smaller items such as ice buckets, a small speaker system, and 70 black chairs, all of which are available for your use. These items are self-serve, so you will need to move and arrange them according to your needs.

What time does the celebration have to stop?

If your package is for single-day use, you must be fully cleaned up (including rentals) and out by 10:00 PM, nothing is to be left overnight. A fee of \$250 per 30 minutes will apply for any time past 10:00 PM. Regardless of your package, all music must stop and all guests must leave by 10:00 PM. If your package includes an overnight stay, you may remain on-site after 10:00 PM; however, all music must end and all guests (not staying overnight) must leave by 10:00 PM. We recommend creating a clear timeline of events and assigning someone to oversee it, ensuring the schedule is followed so everything runs smoothly.



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Event *Recommendations*



Through our experience with weddings and events, we've learned a lot along the way. Here are a few recommendations to help ensure your day runs as smoothly as possible.

Thoroughly read your contract.

Most of your questions and concerns can be answered there. We recommend setting aside time to go over it with your designated point person so everyone understands the expectations. This not only helps keep the day running smoothly, but also ensures everyone stays on track and avoids unnecessary extra fees.

Create a timeline, and stick to it.

A well-planned timeline helps keep the entire event on track, ensuring that each part of the day flows smoothly without unnecessary delays. Assign someone—such as a day-of coordinator or a trusted friend—to oversee the schedule and make sure it's followed. This not only keeps vendors, the bridal party, and guests organized, but also prevents important moments from being rushed or overlooked. Staying on time helps reduce stress, avoids extra fees from going over your allotted hours, and allows you to fully enjoy your celebration without feeling pressured.

Be clear and straightforward with your vendors.

Make sure your vendors, emcees, and DJs are aware of the full plan well in advance. Be specific about arrival times, set-up details, and clean-up responsibilities. Provide your DJ or emcee with a copy of the event timeline, and emphasize that it needs to be followed closely. Share important contact information for the day (such as your designated point person or day-of coordinator) so vendors know exactly who to check in with instead of the bride or groom. Clear communication helps prevent last-minute confusion, keeps everything running smoothly, and ensures your vendors can do their best work.



Assign someone as the Day-of Coordinator.

This person will serve as the main point of contact for questions and concerns, while also keeping the event on track with the timeline. They should be familiar with the contract and vendors so they can efficiently direct others and uphold the venue's expectations. In our experience, having this role helps relieve stress from the bride and groom. A trusted family member or friend who is not in the bridal party often makes a great fit for this position.

Plan your set-up and clean-up in advance.

Ask your bridal party, friends, or family to arrive at a specific time to help with set-up, and assign duties ahead of time so everyone knows their role. Giving specific projects to specific people ensures that nothing is overlooked. A day-of coordinator—or the person you've designated as the lead—can direct helpers where they need to go and what they need to do. We also recommend asking family or friends who are not in the bridal party to come early in the morning to assist with set-up, then return later for the ceremony. Planning these details ahead of time makes everything run more smoothly and keeps stress levels low.

Have a Clear End-of-Night Plan.

At the end of your celebration, it's important to have a well-organized plan so that clean-up is smooth and stress-free. Assign a few trusted friends or family members to be responsible for packing up décor, personal belongings, gifts, and any leftover food or drinks. To make the process easier, prepare labeled bins or boxes in advance for specific categories such as "decor," "rentals," or "personal items." This helps ensure nothing gets misplaced and saves time when loading vehicles. Make sure someone is also designated to handle rental items so they can be returned on time and avoid late fees. It is also a good idea to have a "strike team" of three or four people who don't mind staying until the very end and who clearly understand their responsibilities. Having this plan in place will help you avoid last-minute scrambling, extra charges, and unnecessary stress at the end of your big day.

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