



## TIPPING

*Here are some general guidelines for tipping. You can of course give more or less than these amounts, but these are suggestions.*

*Remember, tips are always extra and are meant to thank someone for doing a good job. While some vendors will expect it, you never have to tip.*

### RULE OF THUMB

If it's a small business and the owner is also your florist or DJ or photographer, tips are not required as the entire fee you are paying goes to them. However, if you are working with a larger company that has multiple DJs or multiple hair and makeup artists, then a tip is more encouraged as they do not get the full fee you are paying.

Also, make sure to check if gratuity is already included in your proposals before adding on additional tips.

### WHEN TO HAND OUT TIPS

Have your day of manager hand it out on the wedding day after they've done their job or you can provide it later after the wedding as a thank you. For the wedding day tips, I recommend giving cash.

For international weddings, tips should be given on the wedding day and in cash in the local currency if possible.

If you aren't sure how much you're going to want to give, pick a range and then finalize it on the wedding day based on performance. Or leave it up to your day of manager to make the call.



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### VENDORS THAT WILL EXPECT A TIP

- Catering staff – If gratuity is not in the contract already, tip them 15-20% of the food and beverage costs (the meal cost, not the labor or rentals) or a set per person cost like \$50-\$100/person
- Transportation – If gratuity is not in the contract already, tip them 15-20%.
- Hair/Makeup artist – If gratuity is not in the contract already, tip them 15-20%.

### OTHER VENDORS

- DJ – \$50-\$150/person
- Musicians – \$25-\$50/person (depending on the number of hours they played)
- Banquet or catering manager – \$50-\$200 (Only if they were really amazing or saved you a ton of time or money)
- Photographer and Videographer – \$50-\$150/person
- Delivery/setup staff (florist, cake, rentals, lighting, etc..) – \$15-\$25/person