

Your Wedding Planner

after the wedding

You've said 'I do', cut the cake and had your first dance – it's now time to relax, enjoy a wonderful honeymoon and begin married life. But don't forget that after the wedding there will still be a few things to do and loose ends to tie up:

- If you aren't immediately leaving for your honeymoon, pre-arrange a day-after event to spend some extra time with your guests.
- Delegate the return of all rental items, such as hired suits, table settings and chairs, to members of the wedding party.
- Ask a trusted family member or friend to arrange for your gown to be professionally dry-cleaned while you're away on honeymoon.
- If you'd like to preserve your bouquet, ask a friend or relative to follow up arrangements with your florist on your behalf.
- Freeze any left-over wedding cake. If you're sending slices to those who couldn't attend the wedding, do this as soon as possible.
- Settle any outstanding accounts with suppliers.
- Open your gifts and return or exchange any faulty ones.
- Write and send thank-you notes to guests who have given gifts or contributed their time or skills.
- Re-assess your insurance policies, bank accounts and wills.
- If you're changing your name, update all applicable records.
- Make an appointment with your photographer to view your photos and choose a selection for your wedding album.
- Set up a time with your videographer to view and pay for the wedding video.
- You might like to make a scrapbook or memento box for all your wedding keepsakes.

name-change checklist

If you change your surname, you'll need to update the following:

Passport (change after the honeymoon so the name on your passport matches your air tickets)
Driver's licence
Electoral role
Bank accounts, credit cards, mortgage agreements, retirement plan
Insurance policies
Legal documents – wills, trusts, contracts, loans etc.
Employer, accountant and lawyer records
IRD and GST records

Utility providers – phone, power, gas, internet, water, rates etc.
Subscriptions and memberships – gym, sports clubs, magazines
Consumer fidelity programmes – FlyBuys, frequent flyer points etc.
Health providers – doctor, dentist, optometrist
Community Services and WINZ
Educational institutions
Email address and social networking sites – Facebook, Myspace, Bebo, Twitter