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Post-Wedding Day Checklist

- ☐ **Return the tuxedo.** To avoid paying additional rental fees, make sure that you know your tuxedo's return receipt deadline beforehand. If you don't have time to return the tuxedo before you leave for your honeymoon, ask your best man or a family member to return it for you.
- ☐ **Clean and preserve your wedding dress and veil.** Unattended stains can turn your gown or your veil yellow over time. Once those stains set in, they are almost impossible to get remove. Hire a professional dry cleaner with experience cleaning **and preserving** wedding gowns. This is crucial because all dry cleaners do not have experience with the proper cleaning and preservation of such intricate dresses. (And, don't be fooled by the wedding dress in the window.) Remember your veil – You will want to clean and preserve that too.
- ☐ **Notify the post office of your new mailing address.** *If you moved to a new home as a couple, remember to notify the post office. If you intend to change your name make sure that your "change of address" card has your birth name and your married name.*
- ☐ **Change your last name.** Check the next page for recommended instructions for changing your last name legally, socially, financially, and professionally.
- ☐ **Give Human Resources the heads up.** Once you legally change your name, give human resources the heads up so they can change your name on your paycheck, business cards and the business directory. This is also a good time to consider changing your beneficiary on your insurance, pension and/or 401K.
- ☐ **Write thank you notes for your wedding gifts.** You don't have to write all of your thank you notes in one sitting. Schedule some time every few days. You want to have all of your thank you notes written within three months (not one year).
- ☐ **Write thank you notes to your wedding party, wedding vendors and those who helped you with assistance before, during and after your wedding.** You want them to know how much you appreciate them for everything they did to make your wedding day special.
- ☐ **Review Your Wedding Vendors.** You can let the world know about your wedding vendors by reviewing them on sites similar to Wedding Wire, the Knot and/or Yelp.
- ☐ **Announce Your Wedding in the Paper.** Announce your marriage in the newspapers. Each publication has different instructions for announcements, so check the instructions beforehand.
- ☐ **Return Your Wedding Gifts.** Use your gift receipts to return all of your unwanted and duplicate gifts to the stores where they were purchased.
- ☐ **Review Wedding Pictures and Create An Album.** Before too much time gets away from you, check out your wedding proofs and select the photographs for your wedding album.
- ☐ **Submit Your Music for your Wedding Video.** If your videographer requires you to provide them with background music for your wedding video, do it as soon as you can.