



## Wedding Tax Tips

June 2018 Newsletter

Wedding season is in full force between the months of May and August each year. People tend to spend a ton of money on the ceremonies, bridal parties, and receptions. Are you or any of your loved ones going to the chapel this summer? Here are a few wedding tax tips to keep in mind!

**The Venue:** If you are holding your wedding or reception in a museum, historical garden, public owned park, or historic house it may be tax deductible if you itemize. Some of these venue types are owned by a non-profit organization and the rental fees go towards the upkeep of the venue and can be considered a donation. Check with your venue to learn more about how your rental fee will be used and to determine if there is any portion that can be deductible.

**The Wedding Dress:** You may want to consider donating your gown to a charity instead of keeping it in plastic for 50 years. Places like the Brides Across America, or Brides against Breast Cancer will appreciate your donation and you will be able to deduct the cost of your gown from your taxes if you itemize your return.

**The Wedding Favors:** Instead of giving your groomsmen and bridesmaids tie clips and beer mugs, think about donating what you would spend on those items, that will eventually collect dust, to your friend's charity of choice. You may be able to deduct those donations from your taxes if you itemize your return.

**The Flowers and Food:** After your wedding, if you do not want to keep thousands of flowers in your new home, consider donating the flowers to a local nursing home or women's shelter. Not only can you possibly deduct your costs from your taxes, you can bring joy into someone's life. You can also ask your caterer about donating all leftover food to a local shelter for the homeless. This could all be potentially deductible on your return, if you itemize.

**The Gift Registry:** You can create a gift registry through different sites such as The Knot that will donate a percentage of gift purchases to charity. For those really giving couples, you can create a charity registry in lieu of gifts here.

If you have any questions on whether you will itemize in 2018, please call us at any time to help you plan. We are here to help year round!

Remember to get a receipt for your donation!



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Getting married changes your life, and your taxes! [Click here](#) to learn about tax issues that occur after you say, "I do!"

