

## *Tipping Wedding Vendors ~ Colorado*

Many times couples struggle over the question of tipping vendors who provide exceptional services that make their planning easy and their wedding extraordinary. Although tipping is not mandatory, it is an expression of gratitude toward the vendor, especially since weddings by nature require extra attention to detail and consideration. Additionally, since many vendors operate small businesses, tips offer instant feedback while many times providing needed income. Along with years of coordinating Colorado weddings, we have also researched several resources to create the tipping guidelines listed below. In general, any vendor can be tipped the 10-15% after the wedding. If a vendor has been working with you in advance of the wedding, we suggest creating sealed and labeled tip envelopes to give to your best man for distribution on the wedding day. Additionally, have on hand quick cash (small bills) on the wedding day in case there is a vendor who went beyond the normal scope of service or and unplanned come across (such as a door attendants, delivery persons).

Vendor	Suggested Tip	My Tip
Deliveries, drivers (limo)	\$5 deliveries, 15-20% for limo, van or bus drivers	
Valets, powder room attendants, coat checks	\$.50 - \$1 per guest per vendor	
Hair & makeup artists, spa technicians	10 - 15%	
Musicians - ceremony	\$15 - \$25 per musician \$50 - \$75 if the musician is included in the church fee	
Ceremony officiant, church or synagogue donation	\$25 - \$50 if hired outside your church, synagogue \$200 - \$1000 donation to the church/synagogue if they do not charge you	
Salaried employees such as banquet managers, catering managers, maitre d', chefs, etc.	\$5 per guest or 10% of the total catering bill You may divide the total gratuity by selected employees - put in a separate envelope for each person	
Bartenders & food servers	Their tip is included in your catering bill You may tip individuals if they do an exceptional job You may also provide a bulk tip to be divided equally to all onsite service staff at the end of the evening Example: \$10 or \$20 per staff member	
Wedding coordinator, planner	10-20% They often spend hours on your behalf such as making/receiving phone calls, answering emails and corresponding with your other vendors	
Florist	10-20% or \$25-\$75, or a nice gift (an album with your details) Depending on the amount of pre-wedding consultations and onsite deliveries, setup & tear-down	
Photographer	10-20%, or \$50-\$100 Depending on the amount of pre-wedding consultations and efficiency of delivering photos	
Cake, baker	10-20%, or a nice gift Depending on the amount of pre-wedding consultations, delivery and the time involved in setting up the cake	
Band or Disk Jockey	\$20 - \$50 per band member, \$50 - \$150 for DJs	