



# EMBRACE THE SEASON

**T**ruth: If you are a bride planning a spring wedding, you've spent some time agonizing over wedding day weather.

And, let's face it, while spring brings with it all the charms of colorful flowers and warmer days, it is also notorious for its unpredictable weather patterns. It could (and will) rain when you least expect it.

Instead of fretting over inclement weather, use these four tips to embrace the season.

## **Trust Your Vendors ...**

Wedding vendors are skilled professionals, and it is very likely that your wedding is not their first. This means they understand the unpredictability of the weather and have had to deal with the issues that arise because of it. They understand that this day is one you will remember forever, and they would rather be remembered as a venue or florist that took the stress out of your day rather than having added to it.

## **... But Not Too Much**

Just because they are skilled professionals doesn't mean you should trust that they will all offer the same level of service. Make sure you read the fine print in each vendor contract to understand their approach to handling inclement weather. If you are having an outdoor ceremony or reception, understand if a backup location is provided or if that responsibility falls on you. If you are planning on having live music, check with your band. Some musicians feel uncomfortable playing near rain because of what the dampness might do to their instruments and equipment.

## **Accessorize**

Planning for rain opens the door for colorful accessories. Purchase matching umbrellas for you and your spouse — or just one large one to share. Rain boots in a cheerful color will brighten any dreary day, even becoming conversation-starters or show-stealers during picture time.

## **Use The Rain**

The rain can be a great prop, and you have the chance to capture amazing photos you wouldn't have the opportunity to capture on a sunny day. Most wedding photographers have had to deal with rainy weddings before and are skilled at using the rain as a backdrop. Don't be afraid to get wet. The tuxes are rented. The dress will be laundered. Embracing your day for what it is will only add to its beauty.

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