

# Vow Renewal Checklist

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- Planning the Ceremony
  - Decide when to host the vow renewal.
  - Pick a place that is meaningful to the two of you.
  - Get a copy of your vows.
  - If possible, find the priest, rabbi, clergyman, or other officiant who married you the first time.
  - Decide if you want to invite guests.
  - Celebrate - either the two of you or with family and friends.
- Vow Renewal Etiquette
  - Do not organize bachelor/bachelorette parties.
  - Encourage friends and family to shower you with love and support, rather than gifts.
  - Vow Renewal is generally not viewed as a gift-giving situation.
  - Parents should not be involved in the finances of vow renewal ceremony.
  - Incorporate some of the traditions from your wedding day, but make new ones as well.
  - You may use your original attendants but, it is better to simply invite them as guests.
  - The father doesn't need to publicly show his approval or support of the marriage.
  - Put together your bouquet with care and consideration.
  - All of your guests should be acquainted with you.
  - You can still dance a couple's first dance.
  - Choose for 'anniversary' type cake.
  - The toasts should reflect upon the couple's continued love.