

The Tipping Point

We compiled all of our tips for tipping in this easy-to-use reference chart.

	SHOULD I?	HOW MUCH?	WHEN?
Band/DJ	Yes	5-10% bulk tip to the bandleader who will divide tips among band members. For a DJ, 10-15%, or between \$50-150	At the end of the event
Beauty	Yes	Between 15-20%, or \$20-40 per service	When the service is complete
Catering	Yes	5-10% of the total catering bill in small bills to the catering manager	At the end of the night
Décor / Florist	Optional	Varies. Monetary gift, thank-you note, a gift card, and/or a stellar review	If/when you decide the time is right
Officiant	Optional	If you have hired your officiant, around 10% gratuity is appropriate. If you have been asked to make a donation in lieu of a fee, consider a donation of between \$200-450	After the ceremony
Planner	Yes (especially for stellar service)	Dependent on the client's comfort level: monetary gift of 10% of the planner's fee, a thank-you note, gift card, and/or a stellar review	At the end of the evening or delivered the week after the wedding
Transportation	Check your contract—this one is most likely included	An extra \$20-40 is okay for exceptional service	After the last ride
Venue Staff	Varies	Valet: sometimes this tip is included in the contract; if not, consider tipping \$1 per car. Restroom attendants: \$20-40 total. Coat check: \$20-40 total or \$1 per guest	At the end of the evening