

Frequently Asked Questions

Rental:

When may I have access to the property for my event?

Rental time will vary depending on type of event. For “Venue Only” Wedding Ceremony and Receptions, the client will be given access to the property starting Friday at 8AM on the weekend of their rental (for set-up only). For “Full Service” Wedding Ceremony and Reception will have access to the grounds on the day of their event and for rehearsal. The client must arrange arrival time with the Hedge Farm staff.

At what time must the property be completely vacated of wedding decor, clients belongings etc?

The property must be vacated on Sunday at 2PM on the weekend of their rental. This time is given to the client for breakdown. Depending on Sunday’s weather forecast, the Client must inform Hedge Farm staff of a breakdown plan one week prior to the event. Hedge Farm may require Client to breakdown the night of the event due to weather forecast unless other arrangements can be made.

****Please Note:** All food and beverages must be cleaned up and broken down on the night of the event.

What is the deposit and balance policy?

A signed contract and 50% of the total rental fee is required to reserve your date (s) and time (s). The balance of your rental fee is due thirty (30) days prior to your event. Any additional costs that arise will be due within ten (10) days of your event. No refunds of the rental fees will be paid within six (6) months prior to an event, as your agreement to rent Hedge Farm on this date may cause the loss of additional bookings or business. Half of the deposit is refunded if cancellation is more than six (6) months from the event date, and all but \$100 will be refunded if Hedge Farm is able to re-book the date at the published rates.

When is my security deposit returned?

If there is no damage from your event, and there is no violation of this contract, your \$500.00 security deposit will be returned within two weeks after the event.

Does Hedge Farm provide tables, chairs, or any other items?

Yes, Hedge Farm provides tables, chairs, church pews, and white linens to accommodate one-hundred and fifty (150) guests. Any additional tables and chairs must be paid for by the client. A final accurate head-count must be given to Hedge Farm thirty (30) days prior to the Client event. If Client's guest head count is significantly higher (20+ guests) Client will forfeit their deposit.

*If another linen color is preferred, the client must pay for those linens. We do have rental companies that we can refer you to in the local area.

The Venue:

Does Hedge Farm have an in-house wedding ceremony director?

Hedge Farm requires and provides a Wedding Ceremony Director for the day of the event. Client may bring in their own Wedding Ceremony Director. The Director will be on-site two (2) hours prior to the event, will direct for the ceremony, and will be present to guide Bride and Groom through their timeline for the reception.

**If Client chooses to use their own Wedding Ceremony Director, Hedge Farm must have the Wedding Ceremony Director's name and phone number 30 days prior to your event.

We have found this service to alleviate stress and allow for a smooth wedding ceremony and reception for the Bride, Groom, and all family members.

Does Hedge Farm allow alcohol in the facility?

Yes, you can serve alcohol with a licensed caterer/ABC licensed bartender and/or MS serving certification. Alcohol can NOT be sold at Hedge Farm. Hedge Farm also requires proof of license of the licensed alcohol server and an event insurance policy naming the Hedge Farm as additional insured.

**If Client chooses to serve wine and beer only, any individual found drinking hard liquor will be escorted off Hedge Farm Property and hard liquor will be confiscated.

Is there a kitchen?

Yes, Hedge Farm provides a kitchen with two refrigerators, two freezers, a large stove, microwave, sink and plenty of counter/prep space for the caterer. No cooking may be done inside the Main house or Garden House (Guest House).

Note: There is also a kitchen in the Garden House with a refrigerator, freezer, stove, microwave, sink, and some counter space.

How many restrooms are there?

Hedge Farm has a separate men's and women's restroom outdoors in the Bath House.

Insurance:

Does Hedge Farm require liability insurance?

Hedge Farm carries special event liability insurance, but the Client is required to have a "Special Event Insurance Policy". Certificate of Liability Insurance naming Steve and Layne Popernik- Hedge Farm (Not Hedge Farm Candles) as an additional insured (minimum of \$1,000,000 liability) must be provided to staff no later than 30 days before any scheduled event. Liability Insurance can be purchased through MARKEL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY (Steve and Layne Popernik's insurance company) by calling 1-800-236-4252. Also, this insures that, you shouldn't be held liable either!

Security:

Does Hedge Farm require security?

Hedge Farm provides security for events with one hundred and fifty (150) guests or less. However, any event with more than one hundred and fifty (150) guests and/or hard liquor, additional security is required. If Client chooses to serve wine and beer only, any individual found drinking hard liquor will be escorted off Hedge Farm Property and hard liquor will be confiscated.

It is the Client's responsibility for payment of additional security personnel. Cost is determined upon guests headcount. Estimated cost is one-hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) per security guard. Client may elect to have additional security, and Hedge Farm may require if deemed necessary. In either case, Hedge Farm will provide and supervise the additional security personnel unless other arrangements are approved in writing.

Catering and Clean up:

Does Hedge Farm allow outside catering?

Yes, you are allowed to bring in any caterer that you desire. There are no hidden fees or outside costs associated with doing so. Most people really like this because most venues will charge you a fee to use outside catering and/or have a limited list of caterers you must use. Hedge Farm does not have any of these restrictions.

Is there an outdoor area where a caterer may grill?

Our prep kitchen has a cooking patio where a grill may be brought in by the caterer.

What is the cleaning policy?

Clients and their suppliers/vendors are responsible for the removal of all items brought into Hedge Farm and for ensuring adequate cleanliness. *All trash must be placed in sealed bags and placed in the trash bin at the conclusion of the event.* Tables and chairs belonging to Hedge Farm must be free of food and properly cleaned. The catering area must be swept and damp mopped at the conclusion of the event.

When do I have to have decorations removed from the property?

The decorations must be removed from the property by Sunday at 2PM.

What are the decorating restrictions and regulations?

No glitter, confetti, or fireworks. Bubbles, approved birdseed, doves, natural flower petals, and butterflies are permitted.

Does Hedge Farm have an open flame policy (i.e. candles)?

We do allow candles on the property. If you do decide to use an open flame, all open flames must be contained in a votive or a vase. Steve and Layne will be onsite for each event to ensure that nothing is placed in a dangerous position relative to anything flammable.

Entertainment:

Is there space for a band/DJ?

There are areas designated for a band or DJ on the back porch of the main house and there is space in the Outdoor Pavilion. There may be additional options upon request.

Is there a dance area?

Yes, the patio furniture can be arranged/moved to accommodate a dance area. The floors are red brick so no additional flooring/fee is required. The Outdoor Pavilion is concrete and is a great place for Band/DJ.

Valet and Parking:

Is there a spot for valet parking?

If valet parking is desired for your event, the main entrance of the house is the perfect place for valet parking. Valet parking is available upon request at the expense of the Client. Expense is dependent on guest headcount and will be determined after Client's request.

Is a parking director included?

A Parking Director is included in the venue cost for events with one hundred and fifty (150) guests or less. Any event with more than one-hundred and fifty (150) guests requires additional parking directors at a fee of one-hundred and fifty dollars (\$150.00) each. The number of additional parking directors will be determined by the Client's number of guests and will be outlined in an addendum.

Is there adequate parking?

Hedge Farm has a large gravel space on the right side of the house for parking. There is also additional parking on the back of the property.

Accommodations:

Is there a place for the Bridal Party to change/dress?

Yes, the Bride, Groom, and Bridal Party may use the Guest House and the Main House Guest Room to prepare on the wedding day. If Bride, Groom, and Bridal Party decide to use the facilities, it is their responsibility to clean-up belongings, trash, or any objects brought into these spaces before the wedding ceremony. All personal belongings must be removed from the Main House prior to the wedding ceremony. If the Main House and Guest House are not left clean upon departure, a cleaning fee of two-hundred dollars (\$200.00) will be charged or Client can elect Hedge Farm to clean-up these spaces after the Client's event for the two-hundred dollar (\$200.00) fee.

****Please make note that Hedge Farm property is expected to look as it did when Client and Bridal Party arrived. If furniture is moved, move it back. If there is trash, throw it away.**

If dishes are used (particularly in the guests house) load them in the dishwasher or wash them. The cleaning fee will be charged if Main House or Guest House are not left in it's original state before Bridal Party Arrival/ Wedding/Reception.

Is the Garden House (guest house) available for overnight stays?

Yes. The garden house sleeps up to 2 people in 1 queen bed. This is great for the bride and groom to stay after the wedding ceremony and reception. The Garden house stay is **included** in the cost of the event.

Does Hedge Farm provide full service weddings?

Yes, we do. Please speak directly with staff for information about a full service events.