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Cake Vendor - Knowing What to Ask your Vendors:

The Wedding Cake still prevails at the majority of weddings, although not all. Couples are also doing alternative dessert selections for their guests – sometimes in addition to the Wedding Cake and in some cases, in place of the wedding cake. Although the wedding cake is traditional – today's wedding cakes are far from the wedding cakes of even 15 years ago. Wedding cakes come in a variety of flavors and colors – sometimes all within the same cake. The wedding cake is a symbol of the wedding and with the evolution of the wedding itself now being a reflection of the Bride and Groom, the wedding cake has also evolved to do the same.

Some basic facts about wedding cakes:

- Fondant icing on cakes is definitely more elegant but has less flavor - and is simply more expensive.
- If you are ordering multiple flavors for your cake layers make sure that your catering staff is aware of what flavors you have ordered. Also make sure that you would like all flavors offered to guests –not just the flavor of the layer they are currently cutting. This may seem obvious but unless specified there is no guarantee that this will occur.
- Let your caterers and your coordinator know if you want the top of the cake saved or cut. Many of the higher end cake vendors will give you a new cake for your one year anniversary. Although the tradition is to save the top and freeze it – rarely will the cake that is thawed a year later look or taste like the one on your wedding day.
- Let your caterer know if you would like any additional cake cut and put into cake out boxes for your guests to take home. You may want or need to provide the boxes for the cake to be put in if you decide to do this.
- In the event that you have multiple people visiting from out of town your parents may also prefer that the additional cake not be cut so that they are able to serve it the next day for a post wedding event with guests.

- Many Wedding Cake Vendors rent cake risers. The deposit on a cake stand is frequently very high but 100% refundable with the return of the cake stand. The vendor may just hold a check and not cash it unless the cake stand is not returned by the specified time. The cake vendor likely may have rented the stand to another couple and obviously must have it back in time for the next wedding that has rented it. Typically, the returning of the cake stand is assigned to a parent or close family member, as the couple may have already left for their honeymoon.
- The fee for having the wedding cake delivered and set up is the best and smartest money you will spend for your wedding. This is one fee that it is strongly encouraged that you do not cut out when making budget cuts if needed.