

Your wedding is YOUR wedding. The ceremony must include intentions, vows, and the pronouncement. Everything else is “extra” – ring exchange, readings, blending ceremonies, special music, theme weddings, just about anything. It’s your day to celebrate you. **The most important thing to remember is that by the end of the day, you will be married.**

### **What do you need to get married in Maine?**

License  
Officiant  
The couple getting married  
Two witnesses who are physically present

**The officiant may not pronounce you without the license!**

### **Writing your own vows**

- Write from your heart!
- You aren’t writing a college essay.
- Try not to overthink them.
- Some things to think about
  - ◆ What brought you together?
  - ◆ Why do you want to be married to this person?
  - ◆ What are some funny things you share?
  - ◆ Have you been through trying times together?
  - ◆ What are your common interests?
  - ◆ What do you admire about them?
- They may be as long or as short as you want.

If I am your officiant, email me a copy of your vows and I will print them for you – one less thing to worry about on the day.