

Bridegroom's Duties

The most important part of the groom's pre-marriage obligations is the ring. It is best to buy both the engagement ring and the wedding ring at the same time, either before or after the engagement.

The groom is also responsible for obtaining the license and should plan to do so well in advance for there is often a waiting period.

The groom must also:

- Compile a guest list of his family and friends, making sure there are no duplications with the bride's list.
- Choose the best man and ushers.
- Buy a gift for the future bride and the best man and ushers.
- Pay for the bride's bouquet and boutonnieres for himself and the best man. If it is to be a formal wedding, he pays for the ties and gloves of the best man, ushers and himself.
- The groom-to-be pays for a corsage for his mother and new mother-in-law.
- He arranges for transportation to the wedding for the best man and himself, and for transportation after the ceremony.
- He plans and pays for the wedding trip, and expenses involved.
- He provides the offering for the best man to give to the priest.

State Marriage Laws

• Each applicant must present a physician's statement certifying to a pre-marital serologic (blood) test, duly signed by physician and applicant. The statement must show the date on which the blood specimen was taken, date test was completed, date of physical examination, and name and address of laboratory making test, but the result of the test must not be shown on certificate.

• Serologic tests must be made in laboratories recognized by the state.

• The blood test certificate expires 30 days from the date on which the specimen was taken and cannot be used thereafter.

• The marriage license expires 60 days from the date of issue.

• Both parties must appear in

person when applying for the marriage license.

• Minors (males under 21 years and females under 18) 1/2 Consent to the marriage must be attested by the personal appearance of both parents or by a notarized statement bearing the county clerk's seal.

• All applicants under 21 years of age must present proof of age.

• Licensed issued in New York State may be used anywhere in the state.

• No period of residence is required for out-of-city or out-of-state applicants.

• The wedding may take place 24 hours after issuance of license, provided, however, that three days will have elapsed between the date of the blood tests and the date of the marriage ceremony.

How to Ruin Your Marriage

- Insist on your own way. Never give in or compromise—even on little things.
- Run home to mother with your troubles. Never try to solve things yourself—or together.
- Air your spouse's faults in public. Amuse the crowd at a party with anecdotes about his or her failings. Never let a slip pass without comment.
- Put other things before each other. If you're a husband, your job, hobby or do-it-yourself project. If you're a wife, the children, housework, cards or club work.
- Always wait for your partner to say he or she is sorry first, if you have an argument. Never admit you are wrong.



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RG&E consumer news

Learn how to care for new Spring Clothes at RG&E's Consumer Information Center

Spring means new clothes, and new clothes come with tags on them that say "easy-care", "wrinkle-free", "wear resistant", and "no-iron". With all the new textiles available today—polyester, nylon, rayon, acrylic, acetate and modacrylic—laundering Spring clothes can get pretty confusing. As of July 3, 1972, all clothing will be required by law to be permanently labeled with care instructions. But what do you do in the meantime?

It needn't be so complicated. During the month of March you will learn how simple modern laundry is. Our Home Economists will tell you how to care for everything from Acrilan to Zefran. In fact, they'll answer any fabric care question you may have.

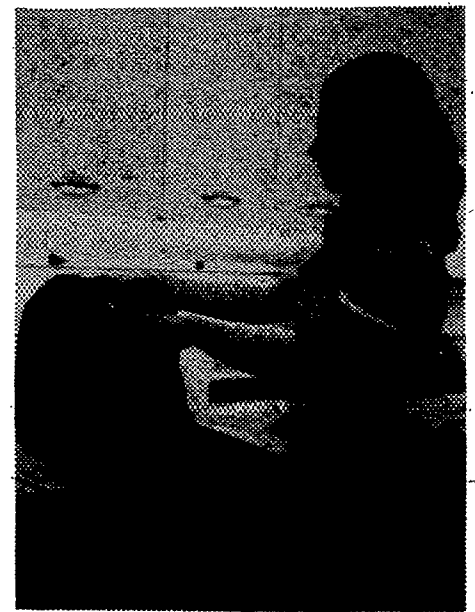
Water and Suds

You may want to know whether water hardness affects your laundry. It does, since detergents are often less effective when used with hard water. Soap needs soft water, too, or else it may leave a precipitate, known as "soap curd" on your clothes.

Water temperature can make a difference, too. Hot water generally makes detergents work more effectively, but many new fabrics can't be washed in hot water, especially colors and knits. In some cases you will find one of those laundry aids specially formulated for use in cold water will do the job for you.

Fabric softeners can, as the name implies, make textiles softer to the touch. They also reduce static electricity, especially in fabrics treated with a permanent press finish and nylon. Too frequent use, however, can reduce absorbency in items like towels and diapers.

If you want to know the status of the "great phosphate debate",



our Home Economists will be glad to tell you what they know about detergents, phosphates, and the eutrophication of lakes.

Your Laundry Equipment

Most modern washers and dryers remember the basic rules of today's fabric care—such as always giving permanent press a cool rinse and a no-heat tumble at the end of the drying cycle. However, you can follow the rules on an older machine, too, if you know what they are. RG&E's Home Economists will tell you how to care for permanent press with a washer that doesn't have a special cycle for permanent-press clothes.

So many textiles used for clothing today require little or no ironing, but once in a while you will have to use an iron, for touch up work, or to iron simple cotton or linen garments. Do you know how to get the best performance from your iron with the least effort? You will find out how to make the most of all those different temperature settings at the Consumer Information Center this month.

Fabric Care Featured

During this month, the Consumer Information Center is featuring fabric care: everything from washing and drying to storage and special precautions. Any questions you may have will be answered by one of RG&E's Home Economists, all experts in modern fabric care. The Center is located on the main floor of 89 East Avenue, and is open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesday. Bring your questions to an expert and end the confusion about how to care for your new Spring clothes. And your old ones, too.

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