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## Family

### Saying "I do" again

#### Tips for renewing your wedding vows

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**You've considered** renewing your wedding vows but aren't quite sure of the etiquette involved. Unlike a first-time wedding, which often follows elaborate do's and don'ts, renewing vows is open to personal preferences. We asked the experts for a few tips:

**The timing.** "There's no right time or age. It's whenever you feel like celebrating the marriage," says Sharon Naylor, author of "Renewing Your Wedding Vows" (Broadway Books, \$12.95). Big anniversaries are popular, like 10, 25 and 50 years.

**The guests.** Only invite people who are meaningful to you, not those you feel an obligation to, says April Masini, author and relationship expert ([AskApril.com](http://AskApril.com)). "Evites are not appropriate," she adds.

**The event.** "Make it as small or large as you like," Naylor says. The degree of formality is up to you. "You can have a true wedding do-over with lavish catering, or you can have a backyard cookout."

**The Vows.** "Since this ceremony is not legally binding, anyone who is near and dear to you -- even your kids -- can lead you through your vows," says Diane Forden, editor in chief of "Bridal Guide."

**The Gifts.** "This isn't an appropriate occasion for restocking your linen closet," Forden says. One option: Suggest a donation to a favorite charity on your behalf.

**The clothes.** Forden says the "bride" can wear white or any other color. But no "blusher" veil, which still signifies a first-time bride, says Steve Kemble, star of the Style Network's "Whose Wedding Is It Anyway?"

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