



OFFICE OF THE DEKALB
COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER

Civil Marriage Information

A marriage performed by a judge is a civil ceremony, whereas, there are no religious inferences recited. Weddings at the DeKalb County Courthouse are performed Monday through Friday at 1:00 PM or 4:00 PM, with the exception of court holidays. Weddings are on a first come basis. A couple cannot be married until one day after the license is issued.

After obtaining your marriage license, you will need to contact the Judicial Office to schedule a wedding appointment.

Judicial Office Contact: DeKalb County Courthouse
Judicial Office – Room 301
Monday – Friday | 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
815.895.7160

Please be aware of the following requirements for processing a civil marriage:

- Both parties must speak fluent English. The judicial office/DeKalb County does not provide an interpreter for weddings. Should you require translation and arrive for your wedding appointment without an interpreter, the judge will not be able to perform the ceremony.
- Witnesses and rings are optional. If you choose to have guests, they must be on time. Due to time constraints the judge cannot delay the ceremony for late members of your party.
- Photography is permitted, although you will need to inform the courthouse security officer that you are attending a wedding.
- Arrive at the courthouse approximately 10 minutes prior to your scheduled time. Check in at the second floor clerk's office; there is a \$10.00 fee collected at this time.
- The clerk will instruct you to be seated in the second floor area to wait for a bailiff who will escort you to a judge.
- The wedding ceremony is approximately 10-15 minutes.
- The judge will return the signed marriage license to the County Clerk's office.