



Monona Terrace Frequently Asked Questions

For more information, please check out our Wedding Brochure [here](#).

Does Monona Terrace have a food and beverage minimum?

Monona Terrace does not have a food and beverage minimum. In fact, the amount spent on food and beverage (including hosted or cash bars) will reduce your room rental fee. When two or more spaces are rented, one rental will be reduced first. If the first room rental is eliminated, the remaining food and beverage amount will start reducing the next rental. Please view the Wedding Brochure for details.

Does Monona Terrace allow outside catering to be brought in?

Monona Catering is our fabulous (and exclusive) in-house catering company and will provide all of your food and beverage. One exception is a tiered wedding cake, along with matching sheet cakes, which can be provided through a Wisconsin licensed bakery. Monona Catering is dedicated to customization of all aspects of your service and menu planning, which includes organic and local products, all manners of ethnic and cultural needs and, when possible, adaptation of favorite family recipes for your special occasion. Check out our menus [here](#).

What AV/Lighting equipment can my DJ or band provide?

Your DJ/band is welcome to provide music equipment and lighting to accent the dance floor. Audiovisual equipment used for a slide show or lighting to enhance the room will need to be rented and provided through Monona Terrace and may not be provided by your band or DJ. You can find more details in our Wedding Brochure [here](#).

Does Monona Terrace have changing rooms?

Monona Terrace recommends checking with your main hotel to guarantee a room is available as a changing room for you and your wedding party. The attached Hilton is a convenient option. While we do not have dedicated changing rooms on site, if a meeting room is available 10 days prior to your event, we will gladly provide this to you at no charge for your use. You may also choose to rent a separate meeting space at Monona Terrace at the time of booking to guarantee use of a changing room for you and your wedding party. Please note that no outside food and beverage may be brought into Monona Terrace, however Monona Catering has food packages available for consumption in the changing rooms- speak with your dedicated wedding coordinator about the options available.



Are there ceremony only spaces available at Monona Terrace? Are they outdoors?

Monona Terrace does not require you to have both your ceremony and reception at the facility. For couples looking for outdoor ceremony space only, Monona Terrace offers two beautiful rentable areas on the rooftop: the West Circle or Center. The full rental fee of the rooftop and half of the normal rental fee of the weather backup space will be charged no matter which space is utilized. A weather backup room should be rented, unless you have an alternate space available at your reception site.

Can my DJ or band play music on the rooftop for my reception?

Yes; however, the music must end by 9PM.

Does Monona Terrace have tents to rent for the rooftop?

Monona Terrace offers a limited inventory of 10' x 10' tents for rent. These tents are great for providing shade to your string quartet or your wedding party (combining two tents to create a 10x20). We do not have larger tents to cover the entire area, but you are welcome to rent one from the vendor of your choice. Please note, due to the unique tile architecture on the rooftop, a rented tent can only be secured with weights (weight restrictions apply).

Are drones allowed outside on the rooftop?

Yes, if certain criteria is met and an application form is completed in advance of your special day. Please work with your dedicated wedding coordinator for details.

Are there hotels near Monona Terrace?

Yes, there are many nearby hotels within close walking distance. The Hilton Madison Monona Terrace is connected to Monona Terrace by an indoor climate-controlled skywalk. Please call the Hilton Madison Monona Terrace sales office at 608-255-5100 for availability and rates. Hilton Madison Monona Terrace is owned and managed by Marcus Hotels and Resorts.