Picking Up Your Wedding Cake

*Y*our wedding day should be perfect, and we are honored that you have allowed us to create your bridal cake. As you are going to be picking up your cake at one of our bakeries, we wanted to provide you with some information that will help you. Please understand that our wish is to protect the cake, and make your trip as easy as possible.

In that spirit, let us say that the cake is delicate and should always be handled with deliberate care. It should be picked up from beneath, and always held perfectly level. Never tip or "bend" the cake. Please do not touch the icing. It is soft and can be easily damaged. Wedding cakes are especially sensitive to temperature and humidity. They should be kept out of direct sunlight in an air-conditioned room (60-70º F), not refrigerated. To reiterate, your cake should not be put in a refrigerator or freezer prior to your event. Neither should it be put in a humid environment such as a poolroom or outside. All of these conditions will deteriorate the stability of the icing, and may cause the decoration to fall apart.

On the day you come to pickup the cake, please choose your vehicle appropriately. Bring a vehicle with good quality air-conditioning. It should have a flat interior surface that is level and clean. Please, clear a space for the cake where nothing else will be within 12" of the cake. This could include other wedding decorations, dresses, people, pets, children, flowers, etc. Make sure that the area is free of any debris (including animal hair), and tall enough to accommodate the cake. We must feel confident that the cake will be safe on its journey, so please don't plan on putting the cake in the backseat of a car (these are never level), in a trunk (too hot & small), or in the bed of a pickup truck (too many things wrong to name). Do not plan on holding the cake in your lap. As you drive your cake, you want to be aware that bridal cakes hate two things: sudden motion & jiggling. So, accelerate slowly, and avoid rough roads, especially gravel. Turn gently and with care. And above all, leave plenty of room for braking as most people wait too long to stop!

As a rule, we do not box our bridal cakes even when you are picking them up. Boxes tend to trap heat, desensitize one's care, and would have to be excessively large & heavy to hold. We do place a tray around the bottom of each tier to keep stray fingers and debris from the floor off the cake, but understand that the top of the cake is open allowing it to breathe.

When you arrive at your location, open/tear away the tray from the cake delicately. Cakes are heavier than most people imagine, so choose a suitably strong person to carry the cake. You want to minimize the number of times you pickup the cake, so have your reception table prepared before you

bring in the cake. Place the cake on the table with the front of the cake facing forward from the beginning. Do not try to "spin" the cake once on the table. You will damage it. If your cake is in multiple separated tiers, place the biggest tier down first. Then, place each tier on top of the plastic plate from the tier. Your cake should form a pyramid type of shape. As you place each tier, center it on the plastic plate below, and line up the posts from the tier above and below all facing the same direction. This will ensure an attractive, and stable cake for your perfect day.

For over 25 years the Merritt family has dedicated their time and energy to the diligent care of Tulsa's premiere brides, and we thank you for allowing us to be apart of your nuptial bliss. Remember, cakes are delicate and must be treated as such. Cakes hate heat and humidity. But, children (and pets) love cake, so guard your cake even after it has arrived at your location. Obviously, we can only be responsible for the cake until you pick it up; after that it is yours to care for. We want you to be safe, wise, and most importantly happy with our bridal cakes. It is a pleasure to serve you, and we hope to continue helping you

Celebrate your life (together) one bite at a time!