

Rusty Rail Wedding Planning Timeline



Once you get engaged...

- Announce your engagement!
- Figure out and create your wedding budget.
- Decide on city and season.
- Create a rough guest list.
- Book and meet with your wedding planner.
- Optional: Plan an engagement party at the Rusty Rail.

12 Months before...

- Select wedding date.
- Hire your photographer and schedule your engagement photo shoot.
- Book ceremony & reception at the Rusty Rail!
- Choose your wedding colors and/or theme.
- Solidify your wedding party.
- Create your wedding website.
- Create your wedding #hashtag!

11 Months before...

- Contract a room-block for out of town guests and book your wedding night hotel.
- Meet with and book your officiant.
- Find and book your florist.

10 Months before...

- Start your gift registries.
- Book your DJ or band.

9 Months before...

- Say yes to the dress!
- Choose bridesmaids dresses.
- Buy or rent menswear for the groom and groomsmen.
- Finalize your guest list and begin collecting addresses.

8 Months before...

- Create and send save the dates.
- Meet with cake bakers and have your cake tasting. Yum! Then, order your cake.
- Book your videographer.
- Start planning your honeymoon.

7 Months before...

- Book ceremony musicians.
- Order your event rentals.
- Book your rehearsal dinner.
- Book salon appointments for you and your bridesmaids. Make sure to schedule for your hair trials and for the day of the wedding!
- Find a makeup artist. Set up an appointment for a makeup trial.

6 Months before...

- Setup a food tasting with the Rusty Rail Event staff and finalize your menu.
- Decide on bar selections.
- Find and order your wedding invitations and menu cards to include in the invitations.
*Note: RSVP date should be 6 weeks before day of wedding.
- Don't forget to buy stamps!
- Make a transportation plan and book your transportation.
- Book your honeymoon (flights and hotel)

5 Months before...

- Buy under-the-dress essentials.
- Buy bride and bridesmaids accessories and shoes.
- Decide on a bridal shower outfit.
- Update your registry.
- Make a list of ceremony and reception extras and buy them.

4 Months before...

- Begin your day-of timeline. Be sure to consider all of your vendors needs.
- Begin assembling and addressing your invitations.
- Order your wedding rings.

3 Months before...

- Mail invitations out.
- Schedule your wedding dress fitting appointments.
- Order your wedding favors.
- Find and order attire for your ring bearer and flower girl(s).
- Find/buy yourself "Something blue!"
- List gifts you need to get for everyone and buy them.

2 Months before...

- Have your bridal shower.
- Finish bridal shower thank-yous!
- Finalize your ceremony outline and order ceremony programs.
- Finalize seating chart and work on escort cards for tables.
- Write your vows.
- Finalize ceremony readings.

6 Weeks before...

- Schedule a follow-up phone call with the Rusty Rail Event staff.
- Send rehearsal dinner invitations.
- Make nail and spa appointments.
- Confirm florals.
- Buy/make a "Day-of Emergency Kit"

4 Weeks before...

- Get your marriage license!
- Call guests who have not RSVP'd.
- Prepare your toasts.
- Pick up your wedding dress.

2 Weeks before...

- Give your final guest count and seating chart to the Rusty Rail Event staff.
- Confirm final details with all of your vendors.

Week of wedding...

- Confirm details with wedding party.
- Pay final vendor bills. Don't forget tip!
- Pack for your honeymoon.
- Drop off your décor to the Rusty Rail.
- Hand off all final details to wedding planner or Rusty Rail Event staff.
- Get Married!!

After the wedding...

- Review your vendor teams online.
- Store your dress and veil.
- Send thank-you notes.
- Change your last name!
- Send in your pictures to the Rusty Rail.