

VAIL CHAPEL POLICIES

In the spirit of working within the context and natural beauty of our mountain chapels, these policies are offered based on extensive experience in hosting weddings. To make sure your wedding day goes as smoothly as possible with no conflicts, please read the guidelines thoroughly. The success of your wedding and your exclusive chapel and creekside terrace buyout is very important to us. If you have any questions, please call your sponsoring congregation or the Vail Religious Foundation office. The fee for the chapel allows for a one (1) hour rehearsal the day prior to your wedding and the designated buyout timeslot for the wedding ceremony which includes two outdoor, creekside terraces for pictures before and after the wedding, the inside and outside of the property and newly designed Bridal Suite for hair/makeup during your timeslot, and the Creekside Fellowship Room with Sliding Glass Doors to the outside Wiegerts Terrace.

- Friday afternoon rehearsals must conclude by 5:30 pm to accommodate congregation services.
- Due to very limited parking all cars need to be removed from chapel property immediately after a wedding timeslot.
- **Reservations:** Please contact one of our six sponsoring congregations to book your event. All calendar reservations must be made directly by one of our Vail Interfaith Chapel member congregations.
- **Bridal Room:** Our newly designed private, locked Bridal Room is available to all brides and bridal party with large mirrors, make up stations, hair dryers, closet space, ample seating and a couch during your confirmed timeslot. Rental fees will apply if you need to book more time to prepare.
- **Music and Sound:** An organ and grand piano are available in the chapel. Arrangements for musicians can be made through your congregational wedding coordinator. The grand piano may not be

moved, nor anything placed on top of it. The chapel has lavalier wireless lapel mics operated by a sound system in the balcony.

- ***Aisle:*** From the last pew to the altar the length of the aisle is approx. 45 ft. The width is approx. 5 ft.
- ***Pews and Seating:*** The Vail Interfaith Chapel seats up to 250 people which includes the North Chapel and the balcony. In the main chapel there are 14 rows of pews on each side of the main aisle which seats approx. 6 people, approx. 55 seats in the North Chapel, the balcony holds approx. 20 people.
- ***Religious Symbols:*** The chapel was designed for services of many different faiths and, therefore, except for a covered Tabernacle built into the wall, has no other permanent religious symbols. Removable crosses and Star of David are available for services.
- ***Candles:*** Absolutely **no wax candles are permitted** anywhere in the chapel except the altar table. Any wax candles on the altar table must have a cloth under the candle to protect the altar. The bridal party provides the protective cloth and candle. LED candles are allowed elsewhere but are not provided by the Chapel.
- ***Decorations:*** Pew decorations may be tied or draped. We do not allow tape or any other adhesive method of attaching decorations, as this could result in scratching or leave a residue or film on the pews and wood surfaces. Glitter is not allowed on floral arrangements, bouquets, wedding attire or shoes. Please inform your florist. No items such as rice, birdseed, flower petals or leaves may be scattered, thrown, or dropped inside or outside the chapel.
- ***Seasonal Decorations:*** The Vail Interfaith Chapel is decorated with seasonal decorations including garlands, wreaths, tree, lights, poinsettias, etc. from approx. the second week of December through the

Second Sunday after January 6th. Seasonal Decorations cannot be removed for special services.

- **Parking:** Due to very limited parking, cars must be moved from the chapel parking lot immediately following the wedding. It is the responsibility of the wedding party to inform their guests, especially if shuttle buses will be transporting guests to the reception.
- The Vail Interfaith Chapel and grounds are non-smoking facilities. Alcohol is not permitted anywhere on the inside or outside of chapel premises.
- The wedding party or coordinator is responsible for timely set up and cleanup of the chapel. This includes returning altar furniture and chairs to the original place, and removal of all floral arrangements.
- All trash must be left in receptacles provided and remove all floral vases.
- Ritual sacraments are allowed only at the discretion of the clergy.

The fee for the chapel allows for a one (1) hour rehearsal and a your designated wedding timeslot. All rehearsals must be completed within the 1-hour timeslot. Weekdays the Chapel is available at the discretion of the local clergy or clergy's representative and the Chapel calendar availability. While the rehearsal schedule allows for some flexibility, the wedding schedule is a set schedule that **cannot be adjusted**.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE ARE TWO SEPARATE FEES TO HAVE A WEDDING AT THE VAIL INTERFAITH CHAPEL. The chapel rental fee and an a congregational hosting fee which is the fee charged by the sponsoring member congregation. For more information, please [contact your sponsoring member congregation](#).