

# Amy Smart and Carter Oosterhouse's Wedding Was Eco-Friendly



It stands to reason that Amy Smart and Carter Oosterhouse would have the ultimate green wedding, as the pair initially met on a project they did for the Environmental Media Awards. “We got assigned to adopt a school garden together,” said Smart at the 2011 EMA’s in Burbank, Calif. “We met, and we were both in relationships, so we just remained friends. And then we both got out of relationships around the same time, a year ago this summer. And then a year later we got married.” At their wedding last month, Smart and Oosterhouse saw to it that only one bag of trash was generated for 200 people, according to [People](#). Now, that’s impressive!

**Cupid’s Advice:**

## **What are some ways to keep your wedding green?**

There's no doubt that having a lot of people in one place can generate a lot of waste. Weddings are one of those occasions where masses of people get together to celebrate. Here are some ways to keep your wedding eco-friendly:

**1. Use recycled and re-purposed decorations:** Instead of investing in brand new decorations you'll never use again (and will most likely throw away), either use decorations you've utilized at past occasions or buy decorations made out of recycled materials.

**2. Send out electronic invitations:** You waste a lot of precious materials by sending out paper invitations, and they're almost always thrown out after the fact. Send out e-mail notifications instead.

**3. Cut down on trash:** Follow in Amy Smart and Carter Oosterhouse's steps and cut down on waste you produce at your ceremony and reception. Use plates, glasses and silverware that can be washed and used again. Request that your guests don't wrap your gifts. Say "no" to paper or plastic decorations that will simply be tossed after your big day is over.

**What are some other ways to have a green wedding? Share your ideas below.**

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# **Surprise! Amy Smart Ties the Knot With Carter Oosterhouse**



*Shameless* actress,

Amy Smart, recently married HGTV's Carter Oosterhouse in Traverse City, Michigan. According to [UsMagazine.com](http://UsMagazine.com), the bride looked stunning in a Carolina Herrera gown, as did her bridesmaids in navy Ann Taylor dresses. "We feel so excited and blessed to celebrate this happy day with our family and friends," said the wholesome Hollywood newlyweds. Both Smart and Oosterhouse are known for being environmentally friendly. In fact, the couple met in November 2010 at a green-charity event.

**What are some important things to see eye-to-eye on before getting married?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Marriage isn't just about the dress and a reception; it's a union between two people. While it's healthy to have differences of opinion when it comes to the little things, you have to be on the same page when it comes to the fundamentals:

**1. Kids:** If one of you wants to have children and the other couldn't be less interested in adding children to your lives, you are going to run into problems later. Talk about this in-depth with your partner before taking the next step.

**2. Finances:** It is always important to be financially responsible. But, that means different things to different people. If you can't come to an agreement on budgeting, consider separate bank accounts.

**3. Home:** People are often very attached to where they grew up. If the two of you grew up in different places and each want to start a family in your perspective hometowns, this could mark the end of your relationship if you can't compromise.

**What techniques can you use to come to an agreement before the wedding about the important things? Share your thoughts below.**

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## **Amy Smart Says Her Fiancé Has Been Very Hands On With Wedding**





Here comes the bride! Amy Smart has been engaged to fiancé, hunky HGTV carpenter, Carter Oosterhouse, since April. The couple was engaged after only a few months of dating. According to [Hollyscoop](#), the blonde bride-to-be is being very traditional, especially when it comes to the wedding dress. Though the TV handyman has an impeccable eye for design and is very involved in the wedding planning process, Smart insists he not see the dress until the big day. Aside from the detail of the dress, the two are all in this together as they prepare for their wedding on September 10<sup>th</sup> in Northern Michigan. “[He’s] very hands on,” said Smart, “He has definitely been my co-pilot with this.”

**How do you get your beau involved in the wedding planning process?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

Traditionally, it has been the woman’s responsibility to plan the wedding. However, that has not been the case with modern day festivities. If your beau is skeptical about getting involved, here are some ways to make him into a wedding planning extraordinaire:

**1. Cake tasting:** Everyone has a sweet tooth. Take your beau along to the bakery for a special wedding treat that you will share with your guests.

**2. Get his friends on the guest list:** Half of the guest list will be made up of your partner's friends and family. Make sure to sit down with him to make sure everyone he wants to be there will get an invite.

**3. Have a jam session:** The music at your wedding should reflect both of your personalities. Set some time aside to listen to music together and pick out the perfect tunes.

**What is your favorite part of planning a wedding? Share your thoughts below.**