

MONTANA NATIVES VOTE

TO PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES, OUR RESOURCES,
AND OUR WAY OF LIFE.

USE THIS VOTER GUIDE TO GET OUT THE VOTE IN MONTANA!



ELECTION DATES AND DEADLINES

MONTANA GENERAL ELECTIONS

Tuesday, November 5, 2024

Winners serve as our elected officials.

Important deadlines:

- To **register to vote**, you must postmark or submit your voter registration form by **October 7**.
- To register late, you must submit your late voter registration application no later than **November 4 at noon**. You can also register to vote and vote on Election Day through the late registration option!
- To **vote by mail**, you must mail your absentee ballot application to be received by the Election Administrator no later than **November 4 at noon**.
- You can vote **early and in person** from **October 7 to November 4**.

*Mail-in ballots must be returned by 8:00 p.m. on Election Day, November 5.. Find more info and request an application here: <https://sosmt.gov/elections/absentee/>

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!



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STEP 1: REGISTER TO VOTE

REGISTER BY MAIL:

Access the voter registration form, which is available at your County Election office, or online here: https://sosmt.gov/wp-admin/admin-ajax.php?juwfpisadmin=false&action=wpfd&task=file.download&wpfd_category_id=46&wpfd_file_id=59393&token=&preview=1. Fill out the registration form and drop it off in person or mail it to your County Clerk's office. You will need specific identification to complete the registration form. See the Registration ID & Voter ID Requirements information below.

REGISTER IN PERSON:

Register in person at your County Election Office, Motor Vehicle Division, any public assistance agencies, or at a military recruitment office. You can register to vote in person with the same forms of ID allowable for mail registrations. See below.

RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS REQUIREMENTS:

Montana law accounts for the lack of conventional addressing systems in rural Montana and on Indian reservations and ensures that Native voters are not disenfranchised because they lack a conventional street address. **In Montana, voters that do not have a conventional address are not required to provide a conventional address to register to vote.**

The voter registration application requires a "Montana Residence Address". The law requires that election administrators accept the following options for the Montana Residential Address Requirement:

- A current street address,
- A rural address, or
- Information that describes a **specific geographic location** from which the location of the elector's residence may be easily determined. Electors can provide address alternatives, such as rural addresses, site descriptions in relation to natural features and boundaries, or recognizable landmarks. For instance, a voter's residence may be described in the following terms:
 - Two miles south of where I-90 turns south and intersects S-384.
 - One mile southeast of where Cut Bank Creek intersects 3 C Bar Road.
 - Five miles east of Blackfeet agency, turn left off of Greenhouse Road.

Supplemental material indicating the location of the elector's residence can be attached to the registration form and should be encouraged where conventional street addresses are unavailable. Election administrators may encourage, but may not require, the voter to provide contact information.

REGISTRATION AND VOTER ID REQUIREMENTS:

In Montana, you need to show identification both when registering to vote and when voting. To apply for voter registration in Montana, you must provide your Montana driver's license number, or the last four digits of your Social Security Number, and, when you go to vote in person, you must also show identification. If you do not have a Montana driver's license or Social Security Number, you can use one of the following IDs to register to vote and when you vote in person:

- Military identification card
- Tribal photo identification card
- Other form of photo identification (including a school district or postsecondary education photo ID)
- United States passport
- Montana concealed carry permit

If you do not have a photo ID, you must provide a current version of one of the documents listed below.

- Utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck
- Government check
- Other government document

If you provide one of these documents and **apply in person**, you must show the original document to the election administrator. If you provide one of these documents and **apply by mail**, you must enclose a readable copy of the document with the application. Registered voters in Montana must confirm their identity when they vote in person.

STEP 2: GO VOTE

SAME-DAY REGISTRATION:

You can register to vote and vote on Election Day through the late registration option.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:

Montana early voting is conducted by absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are mailed 25 days before the election. You can return an absentee ballot by mail or drop it off at the county election office. Absentee ballots must be received by 8:00 pm on Election Day at the polling place or election office.

- An absentee voting packet will be mailed to the address you indicated on your application, or you can pick up the packet at the county election office at the time you apply for the absentee ballot, if ballots are available at that time.
- After voting the absentee ballot, return in the envelope(s) provided. **READ INSTRUCTIONS INCLUDED WITH THE PACKET CAREFULLY.**
- Be sure to sign the affirmation on the signature envelope before sending back or dropping off. Note: The person to whom the ballot was issued must be the person signing the return envelope.
- You can track your absentee ballot for federal/state elections at My Voter Page: <https://bit.ly/3WZfsAg>

You can register for an absentee ballot here: <https://sosmt.gov/elections/forms/>

RETURNING BALLOTS FOR OTHERS:

Ballot collection is a lawful activity in Montana. Individuals and organizers can assist voters by picking up and delivering voted, sealed ballots to the county election office. The previous Montana laws that placed restrictions on returning a voted and sealed ballot on behalf of another person were ruled unconstitutional and invalidated in 2020 and 2024. There is no limit on how many completed ballots an individual can collect and deliver to a county election office.

FIND YOUR POLLING LOCATION: <https://app.mt.gov/voterinfo/>

**SCAN THE QR CODE FOR
VOTING RESOURCES!**



VOTE.NARF.ORG

For help on Election Day, contact **866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)**, NARF election protection volunteers will be available to assist voters in Indian Country. You can also contact us anytime with voter concerns by email: vote@narf.org.

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COUNTY ELECTIONS OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION:

You can always contact your County Elections Office with questions about voting or registration! Find your County Elections Administrator contact info: <https://sosmt.gov/elections/>

Beaverhead (406) 683-3720	Big Horn (406) 665-9730	Blaine (406) 357- 3240	Broadwater (406) 266-3405	Carbon (406) 446-1220	Carter (406) 775-8749
Cascade (406) 454-6801	Chouteau (406) 622-5151	Custer (406) 874-3343	Daniels (406) 487-2651	Dawson (406) 377-3058	Deer Lodge (406) 563-4041
Fallon (406) 778-7106	Fergus (406) 535-5026	Flathead (406) 758-5526	Gallatin (406) 582-3050	Garfield (406) 557-6254	Glacier (406) 873-5063
Golden Valley (406) 568-2231	Granite (406) 859-3712	Hill (406) 265-5481	Jefferson (406) 225-4020	Judith Basin (406) 566-2277	Lake (406) 883-7214
Lewis & Clark (406) 447-8216	Liberty (406) 759-5615	Madison (406) 843-4270	McCone (406) 485-3590	Meagher (406) 547-3022	Mineral (406) 822-3520
Missoula (406) 258-4847	Musselshell (406) 323-1413	Park (406) 222-4111	Petroleum (406) 429-5311	Phillips (406) 654-2423	Pondera (406) 271-4000
Powder River (406) 436-2444	Powell (406) 846-9786	Prairie (406) 635-5575	Ravalli (406) 375-6555	Richland (406) 433-1708	Roosevelt (406) 653-6229
Rosebud (406) 346-7322	Sanders (406) 827-6922	Sheridan (406) 765-3403	Silver Bow (406) 497-6200	Stillwater 406-322-8000	Sweet Grass (406) 932-5154
Teton (406) 466-2693	Toole (406) 424-8300	Treasure (406) 342-5547	Valley (406) 228-6220	Wheatland (406) 632-4891	Wibaux (406) 796-2481
Yellowstone (406) 256-2785					

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