



Montana Women Vote!

Frequently asked questions about voting.



1. Can I bring notes or a voter guide with me to the poll?

Yes! It is not a test and that is not cheating. You can even bring someone with you in the polling booth if you would like.

1. Do I have to vote for every item on the ballot?

No. You can choose not to vote for a candidate position or an initiative. Your ballot will still be valid. Please however do look down the ballot and vote on all issues you care about and are comfortable on voting on.

2. How do I get info on how to vote or what is on the ballot?

You can enter your registration address and get a sample ballot online at <http://vote-mt.org/> -- also there is a sample ballot in the black booklet sent to you by the Sec of State. For info on how candidates stand on issues important to women and families see MWV voter guide at www.montanawomenvote.org. You can also google the candidate's websites and ask people you trust who they are voting for and why.

3. Do I need my voter registration card in order to vote? Or what kind of ID do I need?

No. However, you do need a form of ID. This can be any current photo ID that shows your name (for example, a valid driver's license, school ID, state ID, or tribal ID) or a current utility bill, bank statement, paycheck, government check or other government document that shows your name and current address.

4. How do fill out and get my absentee ballot in if I still have it?

Once you've marked your ballot, you need to put it in the security envelop and sign it and mail it or drop it off at your local elections office in the security envelope provided. The ballot needs to arrive (postmarked doesn't count) before 8pm on Election Day to be counted!

5. What if I lost my absentee ballot or made a mistake on it?

The best thing to do is to go the county election office and request a new ballot – because they can cancel your old one. You can also go to your polling place on Election Day, show your ID and tell them what happened and vote “provisional” ballot (that means they will count your ballot after they verify that your absentee ballot was not cast).

6. Can I apply for my absentee ballot and vote at the same time? Or Vote Early?

Yes, any registered voter can do this **until noon the day before the election** -- after that you need to go to the polls. If you go in person to your local election office, usually in the county courthouse, you can apply for a ballot and vote at the same time after showing valid ID.

7. Do I have to register 30 days before and election to vote?

Due to exciting voting law changes, you can go to your local elections office, usually in the county courthouse, until noon on Monday and from 7am to 8pm on Election Day. **ELECTIONS OFFICES ARE RUNNING LISTS FROM NOON TO 5PM ON MONDAY AND CAN ONLY ACCEPT DROP OFF OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS BUT CAN'T HAND OUT BALLOTS OR REGISTER PEOPLE.** If you register late at the court house you will cast your ballot at the same time at the court house instead of going to your normal polling place.

8. How do I find out where to go to vote or what precinct, districts and wards I am voting for?

That info is on your voter registration card. If you do not have your card, you can call your local election office for that info or we can look it up for you online with your legal first and last name and date of birth and call you back or you can do it yourself by visiting <http://app.mt.gov/voterinfo/>.

9. What if I need a ride to the polls?

Disability Rights Montana is providing rides to the polls to people with disabilities, the elderly **and** folks who don't have transportation and need rides to the polls. Call 866-790-8683 as soon as possible to arrange a ride.

State Voter Hotline: 1-888-884-VOTE (8683)