



# How to Vote in Montana

Voters with disabilities, get ready and vote in the General Election on or before November 3, 2020, with this voter guide, prepared by AAPD's REV UP.



## 1. Registering to Vote

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register by downloading and mailing or delivering [this form](#) in-person. Montana does not have online registration. If you have already registered, you can double-check your voter registration status at [vote.org](http://vote.org).
- **When do I need to register?** You can register by mail until October 26 or in-person until election Election Day, November 3.
- **Do I need an ID?** You will need to have a Montana address and a Montana ID, or a social security number if you don't have a state ID.
- **Can I vote if I have a disability?** Yes! People with disabilities who are at least 18 years old have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to ensure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote. Contact your local [Protection and Advocacy agency](#) for help understanding or restoring your vote.



## 2. Learning about the Issues

- **What people or laws can I vote for?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#) to find out what is on your ballot.



## 3. Voting in Person

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** If you are registered to vote, you can find your polling place through Montana's [online My Voter Page](#).

- **When can I vote?** Montana does not allow in-person early voting, but you can cast an absentee ballot in-person between October 5 and November 2 and avoid lines on election day!
- **Can I vote from a car if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, Montana allows voters to request a ballot from a car, if a polling place is inaccessible.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot. You will need permission and provide notice to your [county election office](#).
- **Do I need an ID?** Yes, you will need to bring an [acceptable ID](#) to the polling place.

## 4. Voting by Mail

- **Can I vote by mail?** Yes, any Montana voter can vote by mail without an excuse.
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** Your state will automatically send you a mail ballot as long as you are registered to vote. If you have not registered, you will need to fill out an [application](#) for an absentee ballot and mail or deliver it to your [county election office](#).
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** You can request your absentee ballot until 12pm on November 2, but request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that your ballot is received on time!
- **How do I fill out my ballot?** Montana allows voters with disabilities to request an [electronic absentee or Vote by Mail ballot](#) that can be completed electronically and then printed out and returned. Make sure to sign your ballot or envelope when prompted, since Montana requires this signature to match your past signature. If receiving assistance, the person assisting you may need to sign an affidavit on the ballot.
- **What if I want assistance with my ballot?** You may choose someone (except your boss, union agent, or a candidate) to assist you in marking your ballot. Someone assisting you may need to complete an affidavit to be returned with the paper ballot.

- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot by mail or drop off your ballot to your [county election office](#). Your ballot must be received by 8pm on November 3, so request your ballot as soon as possible if you plan to vote by mail!
- **Do I need an ID?** You will need to have an ID or your Social Security Number when requesting a mail-in ballot.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot online on Montana's [My Voter Page](#).

## 5. Additional Resources

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** For the most accurate and up-to-date elections info, contact your elections office:
  - Montana Secretary of State**  
Address: Montana Capitol Building, Rm 260, P.O. Box 202801, Helena, MT 59620-2801  
Phone: 406-444-9608  
Email: [soselections@mt.gov](mailto:soselections@mt.gov)  
Website: [sosmt.gov/elections/](https://sosmt.gov/elections/)
- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, contact your local Protection and Advocacy organization:
  - Disability Rights Montana**  
Address: 1022 Chestnut Street, Helena, MT 59601  
Phone: 406-449-2344 Voice/TDD, 800-245-4743 Toll Free  
Email: [advocate@disabilityrightsmt.org](mailto:advocate@disabilityrightsmt.org)  
Website: [www.disabilityrightsmt.org/](http://www.disabilityrightsmt.org/)
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
  - [Guardianship and Voting Laws](#)
  - [Resources for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Voters](#)
  - [Resources for Blind and Low Vision Voters](#)
  - [Easy Read and Plain Language Voting Resources](#)
  - [ASL Hotline](#): 301-818-VOTE (301-818-8683)
  - [Election Protection Hotline](#): 866-OUR-VOTE (866-687-8683)
  - [Incarceration and Voting Rights](#)