



HOW TO VOTE IN MONTANA

A Quick Guide for People with Disabilities Voting in the 2022 General Election on or Before November 8, 2022.



REGISTERING TO VOTE

- **How can I register to vote?** You can register:
 - By downloading and mailing the Montana [mail in registration form](#). Montana does not have online voter registration.
 - If you have already registered, you can double-check your voter registration status at [vote.org](#).
- **When do I need to register?** Be sure to register to vote on or before October 11, 2022. Late registration may be available through November 7, 2022 at your local election office.
- **Do I need identification (ID) to register?** You will need to have a Montana address and Montana state ID card or driver's license. You can use your 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 18 years old or older have the right to vote. Your vote matters and is protected by laws to make sure voting is accessible, independent, and private. If you have a guardian, you can still vote, unless a judge said you cannot vote. For help understanding or getting back your right to vote, contact your local [Protection and Advocacy Agency \(P&A\)](#).
- **Can I vote if I have gone to jail or prison?** If you have gone to jail or prison, you should check to see if you are allowed to vote. Learn about

voting rights for people who have [gone to jail or prison](#). You can also [contact your local P&A](#).



LEARNING ABOUT THE ISSUES

- **What is a ballot?** A ballot is a list of who and what you can vote for. Your ballot will list candidates who are running for different offices, such as Senator or Representative. You vote by marking your choice on the ballot.
- **What is a ballot measure?** Sometimes, your ballot will have ballot measures. A ballot measure is a law, issue, or question that you can vote on. Voters get to decide if they agree or disagree with the ballot measure by voting yes to agree or no to disagree. You can learn about ballot measures on the Montana [election website](#).
- **Can I look at my ballot before I go to vote?** Enter your home address in [Ballotpedia's Sample Ballot Lookup](#). This tool will give you a "sample ballot," which will show you what will be on your ballot when you vote.



VOTING IN PERSON

- **Where do I need to go to vote?** The place where you go to vote in person is called a polling place. You can find your local polling place through the Montana election website. [Find your polling place](#).
- **Can I vote before Election Day?** Any voter may vote early in person before Election Day during a period that Montana calls the "In-Person Absentee Voting period." You may vote between October 9, 2022 and November 7, 2022 and avoid lines on Election Day! [What is In-Person Absentee Voting?](#)
- **Can I vote outside if the polling place is inaccessible?** Yes, Montana does allow voters to vote outside the polling place if it is inaccessible. This is called curbside voting.

- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** You may choose someone to help you vote. Your helper cannot be a candidate or your boss. If you are part of a labor union at work, the person who helps you vote cannot be a representative of that labor union. [What is a labor union?](#) You may also ask for help from poll workers at the polling place. If you need help with voting, you must tell the local election office that you will need help before you go to vote. You can do this by contacting your local election office.
- **Do I need an ID?** Montana requires voters to show photo ID to vote in person. [Learn about voter ID.](#)



VOTING BY MAIL

- **Can I vote by mail?** Any voter in Montana can vote by mail. This is called absentee voting. [What is absentee voting?](#)
- **How do I request a mail ballot?** You must request an absentee ballot in person, by mail, or by fax from your county election office. [Request your ballot.](#)
- **Can I get an electronic absentee ballot?** Montana allows voters with disabilities to request an electronic ballot that they can fill out electronically, print, and return. [Request electronic ballot.](#)
- **When do I need to request my ballot?** The last day to request your ballot is November 7, 2022. Request your ballot as soon as possible to make sure that you receive your ballot on time.
- **Do I need to sign my ballot?** Be sure to sign your ballot or envelope when asked, since Montana requires this signature to match one of your past signatures.
- **What if I want help with filling out my ballot?** A voter who is unable to sign their ballot envelope due to a disability may apply to the election administrator to have another person sign their envelope. This person

is called a Designated Agent. They can sign and return the ballot for the voter. Contact your local elections office for more information.

- **How do I return my ballot?** You can return your ballot by mail or in person. Your ballot must be received by election officials by 8 p.m. on November 8, 2022.
- **Can someone return my ballot for me?** Yes, you may choose to have someone return your ballot for you. This person is called a Designated Agent. You will have to complete a form called the “Designation of Agent by Individual with Disability Form” to tell the election office who your Designated Agent is. Contact your local elections office for more information.
- **Do I need an ID to vote by mail?** No, you do not need an ID when voting an absentee ballot by mail unless you are voting for the first time in a federal election in Montana.
- **Can I track my ballot?** Yes, you can track your ballot online to see if the elections office has received it. You can do this on the Montana election website. [Track your ballot.](#)



MORE VOTING HELP

- **Where can I find more info on how to vote?** Check out the [Montana state election website](#). Learn about [voting assistance for voters with disabilities](#).
- **What if I am having trouble voting or registering to vote?** If you have any trouble voting, [contact your local P&A](#). The hotline number for voters with disabilities is 1-800-245-4743.
- **What if I have more questions?** Check out these resources:
 - [Disability Rights Montana Voter 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)



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