

# Montana

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<b>DEADLINES</b>	<b>Presidential Primary June 5, 2012</b>	<b>State Primary June 5, 2012</b>	<b>General Election November 6, 2012</b>
<b>Registration</b>	June 5, 2012	June 5, 2012	November 6, 2012
<b>Ballot Request</b>	June 5, 2012	June 5, 2012	November 6, 2012
<b>Ballot Return</b>	8 pm, June 5, 2012	8 pm, June 5, 2012	8 pm, November 6, 2012

**These are not mailing deadlines. Mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the Recommended Mailing Dates on the next page for details.**

Information is current as of May 2012. Check [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates.

## Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for all regularly scheduled State and local elections in the calendar year in which it is submitted.

### Complete the Following Blocks of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA):

**Block 1:** Select the category that describes you.

**Block 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

Enter your valid Montana Driver's License number. If you do not have a Montana Driver's License, enter the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

**Block 5:** Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

**Block 6:** Montana allows you to receive the blank ballot by mail, email or fax. Alternatively, you can use Montana's online Ballot Marking Wizard. The online wizard can be found at [sos.mt.gov/Elections](http://sos.mt.gov/Elections). Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your email address or fax number in Block 5. If you do not make a selection, then your local election official will mail your ballot to you.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your Montana voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

**Block 8:** Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

**Block 9:** Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this application.

**Affirmation:** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

### How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

Montana allows you to submit the FPCA by mail, email, or fax.

If you choose to mail your FPCA, mail the form directly to your local election office. Addresses can be found at the end of this section.

If you choose to email your FPCA, you should send the form as a signed, scanned attachment. Email the form directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found at [sos.mt.gov/elections/Military\\_Overseas](http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Military_Overseas).

If you choose to fax your FPCA, it is recommended that you fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at [sos.mt.gov/elections/Military\\_Overseas](http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Military_Overseas). You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FPCA toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), and fax to: (703) 693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-

800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

### Follow-Up on Your FPCA

To find out the status of your registration, contact your local election office or refer to Montana's voter registration verification website at: [sos.mt.gov/elections](http://sos.mt.gov/elections).

Your jurisdiction will contact you regarding the status of your application for registration.

### Late Registration

You may register up to and including election day, although ballots are not issued from noon to 5 pm on the day before election day.

### Ballot Request by Letter

You may submit a letter to your local election office to request a ballot. The letter should identify you as an absent uniformed services elector or overseas elector and must include your birth date, signature, your printed name, voting residence address and address to which the absentee ballot should be sent.

### Ballot Request by Proxy

A person who holds a power of attorney from an absent Uniformed Service member may apply for an absentee ballot for that election on behalf of the Uniformed Service member. The applicant shall provide a copy of the power of attorney authorizing the request for an absentee ballot along with the application.

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## Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials send absentee ballots approximately 45 days before all elections for Federal office. Ballots are mailed approximately 20 days before all other elections.

**Voted ballots (except Federal Write-in Absentee Ballots) must be received by the local election office by 8 pm on Election Day.**

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

You may return the voted ballot by mail, email, or fax. Use FPCA email or fax instructions under "How and Where to Submit Your FPCA."

Overseas uniformed service members and their family members with access to the Military Postal Service, may use the "Prepaid Expedited Mail- Label 11-DOD". This

label is available at APO/FPO locations and can only be used for the general election. It provides expedited mail service up to seven days prior to the election. You can return your ballot with this label attached at any MPO/FPO, American embassy or consulate. A portion of the label is retained by you for tracking your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service.

### Tracking Your Ballot

You may track the status of your ballot at: [sos.mt.gov/Elections](http://sos.mt.gov/Elections).

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## Recommended Mailing Dates for the November 2012 General Election

Send your FPCA by August 15, 2012 to ensure that you receive your ballot in time to vote and return it to be counted.

- Voters in Iraq, Afghanistan, ships at sea, and other overseas locations without access to the military postal system should send voted ballots by October 6, 2012
- Voters in other overseas military installations should send voted ballots by October 13, 2012
- Stateside Uniformed Service members and their families should send voted ballots by October 29, 2012.

If you do not receive your State absentee ballot by October 2, 2012, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot. If you receive your State absentee ballot, vote and return it. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

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## Haven't Received Your Ballot? Don't Wait Until It's Too Late. . . Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot!

Montana allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registration and voting in primary, special, run-off, and general elections for Federal, State, and local offices and non-candidate ballot issues. Feel free to use the FWAB to vote anytime before an election.

**Complete the Following Blocks of the FWAB's Voter Declaration/ Affirmation:**

**Block 1:** Montana allows you to use this form for registration.

**Block 2:** Select the category that describes you.

**Block 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

Enter your valid Montana Driver's License number. If you do not have a Montana Driver's License, enter the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

**Block 5:** Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your Montana voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

**Block 8:** Enter your current mailing address.

**Block 9:** Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

**Affirmation:** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

**Vote Your FWAB:**

Vote for any local, State, or Federal office in a general, special, or primary election. To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to [sos.mt.gov/elections/Military\\_Overseas/](http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Military_Overseas/). For each office for which you vote, write in either a candidate's name or a political party designation. Once the ballot is complete, fold and place it in the security envelope and seal. Place only the voted ballot in the security envelope and do not write on the security envelope.

**How and Where to Submit Your FWAB:**

If you are using the FWAB simultaneously as a registration form and voted ballot, it must be received by the local election official by Election Day.

If you are using the FWAB as a voted ballot only, it must be sent by 8 pm on Election Day and received by the local election office by 3 pm on the Monday after Election Day. If you receive the State ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the State ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

Montana allows you to submit the FWAB by mail, email, or fax.

If you choose to mail your FWAB, insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail the ballot directly to your local election office. Addresses can be found below.

If you choose to email your FWAB, you should send it as a signed, scanned attachment. Include ballot, voter affirmation, and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. Email directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found at [sos.mt.gov/elections/Military\\_Overseas/](http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Military_Overseas/).

If you choose to fax your FWAB, fax it directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at [sos.mt.gov/elections/Military\\_Overseas/](http://sos.mt.gov/elections/Military_Overseas/). Include ballot, voter affirmation, and cover sheet with secrecy waiver. You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FWAB toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), and fax to: (703) 693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

**Local Election Office Addresses**

County	Mailing Address
State Election Office	Secretary of State's Office PO Box 202801 Helena, MT 59620 Fax: 406 444-2023 Email: <a href="mailto:soselections@mt.gov">soselections@mt.gov</a>
Beaverhead	Beaverhead County Election Administrator 2 South Pacific Street, #3 Dillon, MT 59725-2799 Fax: 406 683-3781 Email: <a href="mailto:dscott@co.beaverheadcounty.org">dscott@co.beaverheadcounty.org</a>
Big Horn	Big Horn County Election Administrator PO Box 908 Hardin, MT 59034-0908 Fax: 406 665-9738 Email: <a href="mailto:dbeardontwalk@co.bighorn.mt.us">dbeardontwalk@co.bighorn.mt.us</a>
Blaine	Blaine County Election Administrator Po Box 278 Chinook, MT 59523-0278 Fax: 406 357-2199 Email: <a href="mailto:sboardman@co.blaine.mt.gov">sboardman@co.blaine.mt.gov</a>
Broadwater	Broadwater County Election Administrator 515 Broadway Street Townsend, MT 59644-2397 Fax: 406 266-3674 Email: <a href="mailto:treas@co.broadwater.mt.us">treas@co.broadwater.mt.us</a>
Carbon	Carbon County Election Administrator PO Box 887 Red Lodge, MT 59068-0887 Fax: 406 446-2640 Email: <a href="mailto:elections@co.carbon.mt.us">elections@co.carbon.mt.us</a>
Carter	Carter County Election Administrator Box 315 Ekalaka, MT 59324-0315 Fax: 406 775-8750 Email: <a href="mailto:ccnrc@midrivers.com">ccnrc@midrivers.com</a>



County	Mailing Address
Cascade	Cascade County Election Administrator Box 2305 Great Falls, MT 59403-2305 Fax: 406 454-6725 Email: elections@cascadecountymt.gov
Chouteau	Chouteau County Election Administrator Box 459 Fort Benton, MT 59442-0459 Fax: 406 622- 3012 Email: claassen@itstriangle.com
Custer	Custer County Election Administrator 1010 Main Miles City, MT 59301-3496 Fax: 406 874-3452 Email: l.corbett@co.custer.mt.us
Daniels	Daniels County Election Administrator Box 247 Scobey, MT 59263-0247 Fax: 406 487-5583 Email: clerkrec@danielsco.mt.gov
Dawson	Dawson County Election Administrator 207 West Bell Glendive, MT 59330-1616 Fax: 406 377-1717 Email: clappj@dawsoncountymail.com
Deer Lodge	Deer Lodge County Election Administrator 800 Main Anaconda, MT 59711-2950 Fax: 406 563-4001 Email: clerk-recorder@anacondadeerlodge.mt.gov
Fallon	Fallon County Election Administrator Box 846 Baker, MT 59313-0846 Fax: 406 778-2048 Email: falloncc@midrivers.com
Fergus	Fergus County Election Administrator 712 West Main, Suite 204 Lewistown, MT 59457-2562 Fax: 406 535-9023 Email: clerkrecorder@co.fergus.mt.us
Flathead	Flathead County Election Administrator 800 South Main Kalispell, MT 59901-5435 Fax: 406 758-5877 Email: electionweb@co.flathead.mt.gov
Gallatin	Gallatin County Election Administrator 311 West Main, Room 210 Bozeman, MT 59715 Fax: 406 582-3068 Email: charlotte.mills@gallatin.mt.gov
Garfield	Garfield County Election Administrator Box 7 Jordan, MT 59337-0007 Fax: 406 557-2765 Email: gccr@midrivers.com
Glacier	Glacier County Election Administrator 512 East Main Cut Bank, MT 59427-3075 Fax: 406 873-3613 Email: gmhall@glaciercountymt.org
Golden Valley	Golden Valley County Election Administrator PO Box 10 Ryegate, MT 59074-0010 Fax: 406 568-2428 Email: berryml@midrivers.com
Granite	Granite County Election Administrator Box 925 Phillipsburg, MT 59858-0925 Fax: 406 859-3817 Email: graclerk@co.granite.mt.us
Hill	Hill County Election Administrator 315 4th Street Havre, MT 59501-3923 Fax: 406 265-2445 Email: dahld@co.hill.mt.us
Jefferson	Jefferson County Election Administrator Box H Boulder, MT 59632-0249 Fax: 406 225-4149 Email: bramey@jeffco.mt.gov

County	Mailing Address
Judith Basin	Judith Basin County Election Administrator Box 427 Stanford, MT 59479-0427 Fax: 406 566-2211 Email: akelly@co.judith-basin.mt.us
Lake	Lake County Election Administrator 106 4th Avenue East Polson, MT 59860-2125 Fax: 406 883-7230 Email: knewgard@lakemt.gov
Lewis and Clark	Lewis and Clark County Election Administrator 316 N. Park Ave., Rm. 168 Helena, MT 59623-0001 Fax: 406 457-8598 Email: pdehart@co.lewis-clark.mt.us
Liberty	Liberty County Election Administrator Box 459 Chester, MT 59522-0459 Fax: 406 759-5395 Email: clerk@co.liberty.mt.gov
Lincoln	Lincoln County Election Administrator 512 California Avenue Libby, MT 59923-1942 Fax: 406 293-8577 Email: robinc@libby.org
Madison	Madison County Election Administrator Box 366 Virginia City, MT 59755-0366 Fax: 406 843-5264 Email: pkaatz@madison.mt.gov
McCone	McCone County Election Administrator Box 199 Circle, MT 59215-0199 Fax: 406 485-2689 Email: clerk@midrivers.com
Meagher	Meagher County Election Administrator Box 309 White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645-0309 Fax: 406 547-3388 Email: dogle@meaghercounty.mt.gov
Mineral	Mineral County Election Administrator Box 550 Superior, MT 59872-0550 Fax: 406 822-3579 Email: shayes@co.mineral.mt.us
Missoula	Missoula County Election Administrator 200 West Broadway Missoula, MT 59802-4216 Fax: 406 258-3913 Email: vzeier@co.missoula.mt.us
Musselshell	Musselshell County Election Administrator 506 Main Roundup, MT 59072-2426 Fax: 406 323-3303 Email: jmang@co.musselshell.mt.us
Park	Park County Election Administrator 414 East Callendar Street Livingston, MT 59047-2746 Fax: 406 222-4193 Email: clerkrecorder@parkcounty.org
Petroleum	Petroleum County Election Administrator Box 226 Winnett, MT 59087-0226 Fax: 406 429-6328 Email: leslies@midrivers.com
Phillips	Phillips County Election Administrator Box 360 Malta, MT 59538-0360 Fax: 406 654-2429 Email: mereaux@phillipscounty.mt.gov
Pondera	Pondera County Election Administrator 20 4th Avenue SW Conrad, MT 59425-2383 Fax: 406 271-4070 Email: clerkrec@3rivers.net
Powder River	Powder River County Election Administrator Box 200 Broadus, MT 59317-0270 Fax: 406 436-2151 Email: kamende@proco.mt.gov

County	Mailing Address
Powell	Powell County Election Administrator 409 Missouri Avenue, Suite 203 Deer Lodge, MT 59722-1078 Fax: 406 846-3891 Email: cr@co.powell.mt.us
Prairie	Prairie County Election Administrator Box 125 Terry, MT 59349-0125 Fax: 406 635-5576 Email: clerkrecorder@prairie.mt.gov
Ravalli	Ravalli County Election Administrator 215 S 4th Street, Suite C Hamilton, MT 59840-2703 Fax: 406 375-6554 Email: rplettenberg@rc.mt.gov
Richland	Richland County Election Administrator 201 West Main Sidney, MT 59270-4087 Fax: 406 433-3731 Email: sverhasselt@richland.org
Roosevelt	Roosevelt County Election Administrator 400 2nd Avenue South Wolf Point, MT 59201-1600 Fax: 406 653-6289 Email: chansen@rooseveltcountry.org
Rosebud	Rosebud County Election Administrator Box 47 Forsyth, MT 59327-0047 Fax: 406 346-7551 Email: gcuster@rosebudcountymt.com
Sanders	Sanders County Election Administrator Box 519 Thompson Falls, MT 59873-0519 Fax: 406 827-6970 Email: clerk&recorder@sanderscounty.mt.gov
Sheridan	Sheridan County Election Administrator 100 West Laurel Avenue Plentywood, MT 59254-1647 Fax: 406 765-2609 Email: recorder_supt@co.sheridan.mt.us
Silver Bow	Silver Bow County Election Administrator 155 West Granite, Room 208 Butte, MT 59701-9256 Fax: 406 497-6328 Email: shollis@bsb.mt.gov
Stillwater	Stillwater County Election Administrator Box 149 Columbus, MT 59019-0149 Fax: 406 322-8069 Email: pmishler@stillwater.mt.gov
Sweet Grass	Sweet Grass County Election Administrator Box 888 Big Timber, MT 59011-0888 Fax: 406 932-3026 Email: sgclerk1@itstriangle.com
Teton	Teton County Election Administrator Box 610 Choteau, MT 59422-0610 Fax: 406 466-3244 Email: paula@3rivers.net
Toole	Toole County Election Administrator 226 1st Street South Shelby, MT 59474-1990 Fax: 406 424-8301 Email: tnelson@toolecountymt.gov
Treasure	Treasure County Election Administrator Box 392 Hysham, MT 59038-0392 Fax: 406 342-5547 Email: clerkrecorder@rangeweb.net
Valley	Valley County Election Administrator 501 Court Square, Box 2 Glasgow, MT 59230-2405 Fax: 406 228-9027 Email: lnyquist@valleycountymt.net

County	Mailing Address
Wheatland	Wheatland County Election Administrator Box 1903 Harlowton, MT 59036-1903 Fax: 406 632-4880 Email: wccr@mtintouch.net
Wibaux	Wibaux County Election Administrator PO Box 199 Wibaux, MT 59353-0199 Fax: 406 796-2625 Email: wibauxco@midrivers.com
Yellowstone	Yellowstone County Election Administrator Box 35002 Billings, MT 59107-5002 Fax: 406 254-7940 Email: brutherford@co.yellowstone.mt.gov

