## GOTV in Montana

## First things first

#### Register to vote:

- Go to: vote411.org/pflag
  - Check your registration status
  - If you are not registered REGISTER NOW.
  - Find information about who is eligible to vote in Montana.
- When you register you will be asked for your current address and ID Number (driver's license, state ID, or social security number).
- The voter registration deadline in Montana is October 7 by mail.
   You cannot register online.





# You can register to vote in-person, at your polling place on election day. Many resources note that lines may be long.

## Voter Identification

In Montana, identification is required to register and cast a ballot.

- If you are unable to produce any acceptable identification documents, you can submit a provisional ballot.
- For more information visit: vote411.org/pflag
- There are resources available to help:
  - League of Women Voters Montana: my.lwv.org/montana/voter-resources
  - Vote Riders: voteriders.org/freehelp/

### **Acceptable ID**

Valid driver's license

MT state ID card

Military ID

Tribal photo ID

**US Passport** 

Utility bill

Bank statement

And More!



## **Voting While Trans/Nonbinary**

The state of Montana does not provide any specific guidance for trans and nonbinary voters. Here are a few recommendations from Advocates for Trans Equality:

- Bring valid ID and backups (voter registration card, utility bill)
- Share the #VotingWhileTrans guide with poll workers
- If needed, connect with a volunteer attorney on-site or call the National Election Protection Hotline (866-OUR-VOTE)
- Worst case, request and cast a provisional ballot and be sure to ask for follow-up instructions





## Voting While Living With a Disability

- Curbside voting is available for those who cannot enter a polling place.
- If you have a physical disability or cannot read or write, you can bring an individual (other than your employer or union agent) to assist you. You may also request assistance from an election worker.
- You may apply for an electronic ballot that can be marked on your personal computer. The ballot cannot be returned electronically. Application: <a href="mailto:sosmt.gov/docs/50/accessibility-forms/57628/absentee-application-for-electronic-ballot-for-individual-with-disability">sosmt.gov/docs/50/accessibility-forms/57628/absentee-application-for-electronic-ballot-for-individual-with-disability</a>
- Every polling place will have at least one accessible voting machine that has a keypad that is equipped with braille and compatible with rocker panels and sip and puff devices.
- More information can be found here: <u>sosmt.gov/elections/disabilities/</u>



## Absentee voting or voting by mail

#### Vote by mail.

- Montana does not require an excuse for absentee voting.
- Voters must request their absentee ballot by November 4 at 12pm.
- In Montana, an absentee ballot must be received by 8pm on November 5.
- Absentee ballot application: <u>sosmt.gov/elections/absentee/</u>.
- Your absentee ballot can be hand delivered on election day.



PFLAG recommends that voters request their absentee ballots as soon as possible and get them in the mailbox no later than Tuesday, October 22.

## **Early voting**

#### Vote early.

- All registered voters in Montana can vote early for any reason.
- Early voting begins in Montana no later than October 7 and ends on November 4 at 12pm.
- Voters who plan to vote early in Montana are required to have identification.
   Learn more here: votemt.gov/voter-identification/





## **Voting on Election Day:**

#### Vote on election day.

- Polls open in Montana between 7am and 12pm and close at 8pm on Tuesday,
   November 5.
- You can find information about the location of your polling place here:
   vote411.org/pflag
- If you arrive and are told you won't be allowed to vote:
  - Don't panic. Ask why, fix any problems, ask about same day registration, request a provisional ballot, etc.
  - Call 866-OUR-VOTE or 888-VE-Y-VOTA.





## If you are in line to vote when the polls close, STAY IN LINE.