

The decision to conduct the November 3rd General election to vote by Mail with the In-Person Option has been adopted by **45** counties in Montana; Prairie County is one of those. The “Vote In-Person” element means that while **all active voters** will be receiving a ballot in the mail, voters may deliver the ballot and vote that ballot at the designated location. The location in Prairie County is the Election Administrator’s office in the Courthouse located at 217 W Park in Terry, Montana. During this time, we will have private voting booths set up for the voters and an ExpressVote available for use.

**We only ask that social distancing and sanitizing measures are followed. **

We want to assure you that we are taking every step to guarantee that the voting process is protected!

Ballots will be mailed on **OCTOBER 9TH** to **ACTIVE, registered voters ONLY** (NOT INACTIVE VOTERS!)

Inactive voters may update, or NEW voters may register by mail for an extended period --until OCT 26th.

- **After October 26, (late) registration must be done in person: 10/27-11/3**
- **Voters are urged to register or update as soon as possible**

We use a **STATE-WIDE DATABASE (MT VOTES)** to handle our voter registration, elections and to keep track of every single ballot issued and returned. Ballots are issued and **ONE UNIQUE LABEL** is printed for each **ACTIVE** voter that is placed on the affirmation envelope for return with a signature. That label contains: the voter’s name, the voter’s county registration number, the precinct, and ballot number, and a bar code with a nine-digit number that is unique to that voter and to that ballot and no one else in the entire State of Montana.

ONE VOTER, ONE LABEL, ONE BALLOT!

After voters receive their ballots, they may always ask to void the original and **request a new ballot for the following reasons:**

- Voter made a mistake or damaged the ballot
- Ballot did not get to the voter in a timely fashion or was damaged in the mailing process
- Ballot was never received at the election office
- **Note: WE CANNOT VOID A BALLOT ONCE IT IS RECEIVED IN THE ELECTION OFFICE.**

Once a ballot is received in the office, they will be date stamped and then verified. Verification is done by scanning the nine-digit bar code that is unique to that voter and the signature is checked for authenticity. EVERY signature is verified and if it **does not match** the voter’s record, the ballot is rejected, and **the voter is contacted.**

And, remember, voters can check on the status of their ballot by calling us at 635-5575, or by visiting **votinginmontana.com** or **MyVoterPage.mt.gov**.

As always, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to our office at 46-635-5575, via email at **cr@prairiery.org**, or **Melanie@prairiery.org**, or visit us in person at 217 W. Park, Terry, MT 59349

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