

## VOTE YOUR BALLOT >>



- With a blue or black ink pen fill in the oval for each race.
  - Skipping a race will not invalidate your ballot
- To write in a candidate's name, completely fill in the oval next to the line and print the name in the blank space.
- The following are not allowed:
  - An X, v, or another mark.
  - Crossing out, erasing, or using correction fluid.
  - Any identifying marks on your ballot.
  - Marking more choices than allowed for each race.
- If you make a mistake, request a replacement ballot from your county election office.

## PREPARE YOUR BALLOT FOR RETURN >>



- Place and seal the voted ballot in the green secrecy envelope.
- Place and seal the green secrecy envelope into the tan return signature envelope.
- Sign your name on the voter affirmation line on the tan return signature envelope.
  - **DO NOT** sign for another person.
  - Power of Attorney's (POA's) are **NOT** accepted.
- **Write your BIRTH YEAR in the space provided. (This is a new requirement)**

**THIS ELECTION IS BY MAIL BALLOT ONLY  
REGULAR POLLING PLACES  
WILL NOT BE OPEN**

## RETURN YOUR BALLOT >>



### ➤ MAIL YOUR BALLOT

The Postal Service recommends you mail your ballot at least one week before the election.

***NOTE: 78¢ postage required (one forever stamp)***

OR

### ➤ DROP OFF YOUR BALLOT

#### **PRIMARY PLACE OF DEPOSIT**

Before Election Day: 8 AM to 5 PM

On Election Day: 7 AM to 8 PM

- Ravalli County Elections Office, 215 S 4th Street, Suite C; Hamilton

#### **SECONDARY PLACE OF DEPOSIT**

Election Day Only: 7 AM to 8 PM

- Stevensville Elementary School (Gym Lobby), 300 Park Avenue, Stevensville

# 2026 MAIL BALLOT VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

VOTED BALLOT MUST BE **RECEIVED**  
AT THE ELECTION OFFICE BY  
**8 PM ON ELECTION DAY,**  
**MAY 5, 2026.**

(A POSTMARK IS **NOT** ACCEPTED – If mailing your ballot, make sure there is enough time for it to reach your election office.)

### **OTHER INFORMATION:**

- **Assistance for Voters with Disabilities:** An ExpressVote ballot marking system is available at the Ravalli County Elections Office. For more information, contact your election office.
- **Military/Overseas Voters:** If you are an active-duty absent military or overseas citizen voter, electronic registration and voting options may be available. Contact your election office for information about all options.
- For questions, or if you need assistance, contact:

Ravalli County Elections Office  
215 S 4th Street, Suite C  
Hamilton, MT 59840  
(406) 375-6550  
[elections@rc.mt.gov](mailto:elections@rc.mt.gov)

**Failure to follow these instructions may invalidate part or all of your ballot.**