

## **MARRIAGE LICENSE INFORMATION**

Marriage licenses are obtained from the Clerk of District Court's office located on the third floor of the Stillwater County Courthouse. The Court's hours for issuing marriage licenses are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The license can be used immediately or within 180 days from the date of application and is valid in any county within the State of Montana.

**What to bring to obtain a marriage license:** (See below for additional requirements if under 18.)

\$53.00 (cash only) for the license fee

A valid driver's license issued by any state

A birth certificate

If either party was previously married, a certified copy of the decree of dissolution or death certificate

Both the bride and groom must appear.

For your convenience, we offer two ways to apply for a marriage license. You can appear personally and complete the marriage application with the assistance of a clerk or you can download and print the application and bring the completed form to the Clerk of District Court's office.

**PLEASE NOTE: The marriage application must be signed in the presence of the Clerk.**

### **Requirements for marriage licenses for those aged 16-18:**

A person must be at least 16 to marry in Montana. In addition to the documents needed above, persons 16 to 18 must also provide the following:

Obtain parental permission (parents will sign the application form in the presence of the Clerk)

Provide proof of the bride and groom attending two counseling sessions prior to filling out the application

Obtain Judicial approval

As of October 1, 2007, a rubella test is no longer required for a bride between the ages of 18 and 50. The parties may sign an Informed Consent/Waiver of Requirement of Blood Test form. These forms may either be obtained from the Clerk's office or online at: <http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/PHSD/Lab/Environmental/pdf/premaritalcertfillable.pdf>. Again, the waiver must be signed in the presence of the Clerk.

After the marriage ceremony, the marriage license must be returned to the Clerk of District Court's office for filing and microfilming. The marriage license will be returned to the bride and groom in approximately six weeks. If needed, a certified copy of the marriage license may be obtained immediately upon return of the license to the Clerk's office.