

## Voting by Mail

It may surprise you to know that voting by mail is not a new idea. Oregon has been conducting all of its elections by mail since 1993, and almost all counties in Washington state also vote by mail.

### Morgantown Pilot Project

The 2011 municipal election for the City of Morgantown will be conducted by mail as part of a pilot project. Morgantown is the first city in West Virginia to employ the new vote by mail method. This brochure will answer many questions that you may have about the process. Voting by mail is similar to absentee voting, which you may have already experienced.

#### Q: How do I get my ballot?

A: The ballot will be mailed April 8, 2011 to the mailing address listed in your voter registration record.



#### Q: Am I eligible to vote by mail?

A: Any person registered to vote by April 5, 2011 in Morgantown City limits is eligible to vote by mail. Make sure you are registered and your information is correct by calling the County Clerk's Office at (304) 291-7238 or visit [www.wvsos.com](http://www.wvsos.com) and click the "Am I Registered?" link under Elections.

#### Q: What if I get a ballot that is not mine?

A: Call the City Clerk's Office at (304) 284-7439 to request the proper ballot and get instructions on returning the other ballot.

#### Q: What if I did not get a ballot?

A: You may call the City Clerk's Office at (304) 284-7439 to check that your ballot has been mailed.

#### Q: What if I'm going to be absent from my county?

A: You may fill out an application to request an absentee ballot that will be mailed to your absentee address. The deadline to submit an application for an absentee ballot is April 20, 2011.

#### Q: What do I do with my marked ballot?

A: Place the ballot in Envelope #1 and seal the envelope, then place sealed Envelope #1 into Envelope #2 and sign and seal that envelope.

#### Q: How do I return my ballot?

A: You may either mail it back in the pre-addressed envelope you received along with the ballot, or drop it off at one of the official ballot deposit locations.

#### Q: Where are the official ballot deposit locations?

A: You can drop off your ballot between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at the following locations:

**April 8**  
City Hall

**April 11-15**  
City Hall

**April 18-20**  
City Hall

**April 21-23**  
City Hall  
Wiles Hill Community Center  
(BOPARC Senior Center)  
Mountaineer Mall  
(Beside the Social Security Office)  
Marilla Center

**April 25**  
City Hall  
Wiles Hill Community Center  
(BOPARC Senior Center)  
Mountaineer Mall  
(Beside the Social Security Office)  
Marilla Center



**Q: When is the last day to return my ballot?**

A: Ballots must be received at the City Clerk's Office no later than 8 p.m. on **Election Day: April 26, 2011.**

**Q: What if I need a new ballot?**

A: If you need a new ballot because you marked yours incorrectly or it has become unusable in some way (ripped, destroyed, stained), contact the City Clerk's Office at (304) 284-7439 to request a new ballot.

**Q: What if I need assistance with voting?**

A: Anyone may go to City Hall to vote and receive assistance.

If you need assistance with voting because of blindness, disability, advanced age or inability to read or write contact the City Clerk's Office for instructions.



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