

# Madison County Internet Privacy Policy

Madison County respects each individual web user's right to privacy. Any personal information that is collected will not be disclosed to any third party except as required by applicable law. The purpose of this statement is to inform website or social media users of the use of information that may be collected while they are visiting this \*site.

## Personally Identifiable Information

For the purposes of this statement, "personally identifiable information" means any identifiable information about any individual collected online, including:

- A first, middle and last name.
- A residence or other physical address, including a street name and name of city or town.
- An email address.
- A telephone number.
- A social security number.
- Unique identifying information that an Internet service provider or a government website operator collects and combines with any information described above.

Residents and businesses are not routinely asked to provide personal information to visit the Madison County website or to download information. This includes <http://www.madisoncountymt.gov> as well as departmental sites. Government agencies may request personally identifiable information from you in order to provide requested specialized services, but such information is handled as it would be on an in-person visit to a government office.

Access to personally identifiable information in Montana located in public records at state and local levels of government is controlled by Montana law. Information that is generally available under Montana law may be posted for electronic access through <http://www.madisoncountymt.gov> and associated departmental sites.

## Aggregate Information

Aggregate information is data collected that may show trends or statistics about a site. Madison County and department sites utilize server logs and log analysis tools to create summary statistics about the use of County sites. These statistics are used for purposes such as assessing what information is of most interest to users, determining technical design specifications, and identifying system performance issues. This type of information does not reveal the identity of the individuals who have contributed to it.

## Use of Constituent Email Addresses

Email addresses obtained as a result of a request to the county site will not be sold or given to other private companies for marketing purposes. The information collected is subject to the access and confidentiality provisions of Montana Code and Federal law. Email or other information requests sent to a county site may be maintained in order to respond to the request, forward that request to the appropriate agency, communicate updates to the county page that may be of interest to citizens.

Individuals will be provided with the ability to opt in at any time to receive communication regarding new service updates.

## Data Security and Quality

Madison County is committed to data security and the data quality of personally identifiable information that is either available from or collected by governmental sites and has taken reasonable precautions to protect personally identifiable information from loss, misuse or alteration. Any third parties responsible for this information are committed to the same principles, and also are required by contract to follow the same policies and guidelines as the County in protecting this information. Unless otherwise prohibited by state or federal law, rule or regulation, the individual is granted the ability to access and correct personally identifiable information whether or not the information inaccuracy was accidental or created by unauthorized access.

## Non-County Sites

Various non-county sites may be linked through the main county site. Visitors to those sites are advised to check the privacy statements of these sites and be cautious about providing personally identifiable information without a clear understanding of how the information will be used.

## Site Security

For information security purposes, the computer systems that host Madison County and other County sites employ software programs to monitor network traffic to identify unauthorized attempts to compromise its devices. These attempts to cause damage could be subject to legal action.

## Contact Information

If you have any questions about this privacy statement, please contact us at: Madison County  
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Virginia City, MT 59755

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\*site: for the purpose of this policy, site is used in reference to a website or any type of social media or social media site.

Date	Purpose of Revision
06/20/2016	Adopted – County Commission
02/19/2019	revised to included social media