# Welcome to Joliet, Montana!

*"The Gateway to the Beartooths"*

**We are glad you're here. This guide covers the basics you need to know to settle in, set up your services, and understand our town's ordinances.**

## 🏛️ Town Hall Information

**Address:** 116 South Main St. (PO Box 210), Joliet, MT 59041

**Phone:** 406-962-3567 | **Email:** clerk@townofjolietmt.net

**Website:** **www.townofjolietmt.net**

**Online Bill Pay:** **jolietmt.payacp.com/home**

**Online Miscellaneous Payments:** **trafficpayment.com/InvoiceInfo.aspx?csdId=1907**

**Office Hours:** Monday – Thursday: 8:00 AM – 4:00 PM (Closed for Lunch: 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM)

## 💧 Water & Sewer Service

To turn on water and sewer service at your new home, you must visit Town Hall in person to make your initial deposit.

- **New Accounts:** Please come to the Town Clerk's office at 116 S. Main St. to fill out the Application for Water & Sewer Service.
- **Deposit:** A utility deposit of $200.00 will be required for new customers. The town clerk can explain how it is refunded as long as your account is kept current.
- **Bill Payment:** You can pay your monthly bill in person, by mail, or online through the link on our website.

# 🗑️ Trash Collection

Residential garbage service is included with your town utilities and is provided by MacKenzie Disposal LLC out of Billings.

- **Pickup Day:** Thursday mornings.
- **Rule:** Please have your trash cans out by 6:00 AM.
- **Holidays:** If a holiday falls during the week, pickup may be delayed by one day. Check the town website for holiday schedules.

# 🤝 Good Neighbor Guide

To keep Joliet safe and pleasant for everyone, please keep these key town ordinances in mind.

## 🐾 Animals & Pets

- **Dog Limit:** A maximum of two dogs is allowed within town limits. Keeping more than two dogs requires going before the Town Council to request permission.
- **Licensing:** All dogs kept within town limits should be licensed. Check with the Town Clerk for current fees and tags.
- **Leash Law:** Dogs are not permitted to run "at large." When off your property, your dog must be under your control (on a leash) at all times when not fenced in.
- **Nuisance:** Excessive barking that disturbs the peace is a violation of town ordinances. Please be mindful of your neighbors.
- **Fowl:** Residents are permitted to keep up to six (6) female chickens. Prior to acquiring your flock, please file an official chicken permit with Town Hall to ensure all community guidelines are met.

## 🏡 Property Maintenance

- **Weeds & Grass:** Residents are responsible for keeping their property free of overgrown weeds and tall grass (18 inches). This helps prevent fire hazards and pests.
- **Snow Removal:** Please clear snow and ice from the sidewalks adjacent to your property after a storm to keep our walkways safe for pedestrians and school children.
- **Junk & Debris:** Yards should be kept clear of accumulated junk, inoperable vehicles, or debris to maintain the town's appearance and safety.

# 🔨 Building & Zoning

Before you build a fence, shed, garage, or addition, you need to know the rules. Joliet has specific Zoning Ordinances that may be different from the county or state.

### Step 1: Fill out a Zoning Application (Local)

- **Where:** Town Hall in Joliet
- **What:** Setbacks (how far you must be from the property line), allowed uses, lot coverage, etc.
- **Action:** Contact the Town Clerk to get this application and she can assist you.
- **Process:** After the application is received, it is forwarded to the town's Zoning Committee. They will do a site inspection to review the project with the homeowner and make sure it complies with all applicable ordinances. At the next council meeting the zoning committee will present the application and their recommendation to the town council for approval or denial. After the meeting the town clerk will notify the applicant of the outcome.

### Step 2: Building Permits (State)

- **Who:** State of Montana (Dept. of Labor & Industry)
- **What:** Structural safety, electrical, and plumbing codes.
- **Action:** While the Town handles zoning (where it goes), the State often handles the building permit (how it's built). You may need to apply for a state building permit after getting your local zoning approval.

# 🗣️ Stay Connected

- **Town Council Meetings:** Held monthly, typically on the third Monday of the month. Agendas and minutes are posted on the town website, the Bank of Joliet, The Joliet Post Office and the Joliet Country Market.
- **Notices:** Watch the website, the Bank of Joliet, The Joliet Post Office, the Joliet Country Market, and the bulletin board at Town Hall for official announcements.

**Disclaimer:** This booklet is a general guide and not a legal document. Ordinances and fees are subject to change by the Town Council. For the most current "Title 13 (Public Services)" or "Title 17 (Zoning)" details, please visit the "Ordinances" link on our website or speak with the Town Clerk. For a full list of our town's ordinances please visit our website for the link or visit it directly at:
**Municode: Joliet Code of Ordinances**