

Jefferson County respects each individual website 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, unless the website user has expressly permitted the disclosure or "opted in" to allow the disclosure. The purpose of this statement is to inform website users of the use of information that may be collected while they are visiting this website.

Citizens and businesses are not routinely asked to provide personal information to visit the Jefferson County website or to download information. Jefferson County may request personally identifiable information from you in order to provide requested specialized services, but such information is handled as it would during an in-person visit to a government office. Montana law controls the level of access to personally identifiable information maintained in public records at state and local levels of government.

Information that is generally available under Montana law may be posted for electronic access through jeffersoncounty-mt.gov and associated agency websites.

Use of Constituent Email Addresses

Email addresses obtained as a result of a request to the county website will not be sold or given to other private companies for marketing purposes unless it is specifically stated when the email address is requested and the user "opts in" to having their email used in the stated fashion. 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 state website may be maintained in order to respond to the request, forward that request to the appropriate agency, communicate updates to the state web page that may be of interest to citizens, or to provide the website designers with valuable customer feedback to assist in improving the site. Individuals will be provided with the "opt in" at any time to receive communication regarding new service updates.

Data Security and Quality

Jefferson County is committed to data security and the data quality of personally identifiable information that is either available from or collected by governmental web sites, and has taken reasonable precautions to protect personally identifiable information from loss, misuse or alteration.. 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 Websites

Various non-state websites may be linked through jeffersoncounty-mt. Since the county has no control over these non-county websites, visitors to those sites are advised to check their privacy statements and be cautious about providing personally identifiable information without a clear understanding of how the information will be used. The

county accepts no liability for other entities that are linked to the state's websites. Visitors may also wish to consult privacy guidelines such as those recommended by the Online Privacy Alliance.

Transaction Information

Jefferson County currently uses third party providers for online transactions. These services have their own Privacy Policy and are not covered by the Jefferson County privacy policy. Users should review each services privacy policy before using them to process an online payment.