*Montana Newspapers Letters to the Editor Info*

*Generally, when submitting online, by email or by mail, newspapers ask for the writer’s full name, home address, email address and phone number for verification.*

ONLINE NEWSPAPERS:

<https://mountainjournal.org/contact> fill out their form at <https://mountainjournal.org/contact>

<https://montanafreepress.org/> press release to [tips@montanafreepress.org](mailto:tips@montanafreepress.org) or [btyer@montanafreepress.org](mailto:btyer@montanafreepress.org) (editor)

<https://missoulacurrent.com/> Send press release to [news@missoulacurrent.com](mailto:news@missoulacurrent.com)

BILLINGS GAZETTE: 250-word max; one letter per month per writer; topic not restricted. Submit online <https://billingsgazette.com/opinion/> email: [citynews@billingsgazette.com](mailto:citynews@billingsgazette.com)

BOZEMAN DAILY CHRONICLE: 300-word max for general, 200-max for political letters; one per month. Submit online: <https://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/opinions/> Must sign in using Facebook or an account; email: [citydesk@dailychronicle.com](mailto:citydesk@dailychronicle.com)

MONTANA (BUTTE) STANDARD: [editor@mtstandard.com](mailto:editor@mtstandard.com)

350-word max; one per month. Submit online: <https://mtstandard.com/opinion/#tracking-source=menu-nav>

MISSOULIAN:  200-word max; generally one letter per month per person but may vary if submissions are slow. Submit online: <https://missoulian.com/opinion/#tracking-source=menu-nav>; email: [editor@missoulian.com](mailto:editor@missoulian.com)

HELENA INDEPENDENT RECORD: 200-word max. Submit online: <https://helenair.com/opinion/#tracking-source=menu-nav>; email: [irstaff@hir.com](mailto:irstaff@hir.com)

GREAT FALLS TRIBUNE: 250-word max (?); they have very poor LTE section and availability. Submit by email: [tribcity@greatfallstribune.com](mailto:tribcity@greatfallstribune.com)

DILLON TRIBUNE: 400-word max, local letters only. Submit online: go to Home on menu <https://www.dillontribune.com/>; pick Forms and Submissions, under Online Forms; there’s a Letter to the Editor choice; email: [editor@dillontribune.com](mailto:editor@dillontribune.com)

KALISPELL DAILY INTERLAKE: 300-word max; generally runs letters only from locals, no specifics on number of letters but because of backlog, not likely to run more than one letter from one person. Submit online: <https://form.jotform.com/63216449575160>; email: [newsed@dailyinterlake.com](mailto:newsed@dailyinterlake.com)

FLATHEAD BEACON: 300-500 words max; one letter per person in endorsements during campaign season. Submit by email: [editor@flatheadbeacon.com](mailto:editor@flatheadbeacon.com)

LIVINGSTON ENTERPRISE: generally 300-word max; letters should be kept to one topic; preference given to local writers but will consider outside letters if of sufficient interest to readers. Submit by email: [enterprise@livent.net](mailto:enterprise@livent.net) or by snail mail: Editor, P.O. Box 2000, Livingston, MT 59047

CARBON COUNTY NEWS (RED LODGE): 500-word max; no more than one letter per month by the same author on the same topic; <https://www.carboncountynews.com/content/submissions>; email: [news@carboncountynews.com](mailto:news@carboncountynews.com)

LEWISTOWN NEWS-ARGUS: 400-word max; writer can submit two times a month; mainly takes letters from local writers but will accept non-local letters of a political nature if they are specifically about issues affecting Central Montana. Submit by email: [editor@lewistownnews.com](mailto:editor@lewistownnews.com)

MILES CITY STAR: no limit but asks for brevity; preference given to local writers, but will accept letters from outside if editor deems them of interest to readers. Submit online by pulling down Contact bar and picking Submit a Letter: <https://www.milescitystar.com/contact>

BIG HORN COUNTY NEWS: less than 450 words, on local topics such as coal, energy production, Crow or Northern Cheyenne tribal matters, drug use, ag, etc. Will publish about anything from a local writer; political endorsements must come from a local source. Submit by email: [news@bighorncountynews.com](mailto:news@bighorncountynews.com) P.O. Box 926, Hardin, MT 59034; Editor, Andrew Turck

GLENDIVE RANGER REVIEW: 450-word limit about one topic; preference given to local writers, but will accept letters from outside if editor deems them of interest to readers. Submit online: <https://www.rangerreview.com/content/letter-editor> or send email: [rreditor@rangerreview.com](mailto:rreditor@rangerreview.com)

CHAR-KOOSTA NEWS (FLATHEAD RESERVATION): [charkoosta@cskt.org](mailto:charkoosta@cskt.org)

250-word max. Submit online: <https://www.charkoosta.com/site/forms/> (Submit a Letter option is on this page.)

HAVRE DAILY NEWS: 400-word limit; may charge 15 cents a word for a political letter. Submit online: <https://www.havredailynews.com/contact>; email: [news@havredailynews.com](mailto:news@havredailynews.com)

HUNGRY HORSE NEWS (COLUMBIA FALLS); no max word count. Submit by email: [editor@hungryhorsenews.com](mailto:editor@hungryhorsenews.com) or mail to: P.O. Box 189, Columbia Falls, MT 59912.

MISSOULA INDEPENDENT: 350-word max; submit online: <https://missoulanews.com/> go to Opinion and then Letters section to find the submission link; submit by email: [editor@missoulanews.com](mailto:editor@missoulanews.com)

LAKE COUNTY LEADER (POLSON): 1,500 character limit; submit online: <https://form.jotform.com/63125603706147> or email: [newsdesk@leaderadvertiser.com](mailto:newsdesk@leaderadvertiser.com)

RAVALLI REPUBLIC (HAMILTON): 250-word max. Submit online: <https://ravallirepublic.com/opinion/#tracking-source=menu-nav>

WHITEFISH PILOT: 1,500-character limit. Submit online: <https://form.jotform.com/63267072550151> or email: [editor@whitefishpilot.com](mailto:editor@whitefishpilot.com)

**General Letter-to-the-Editor Tips**

*• Be timely--*Responding to a current hot issue or a recent article or editorial is one of the best ways to increaseyour chances of getting published. Be sure to mention the name of the article and the date it waswritten in the beginning of your letter.

*• Get a new signer--*Most newspapers won't print multiple letters from one person over a short period of time. If you'vealready published a letter, get someone else to sign future ones.

* *Keep it simple--*Keep your points short and clear, and stick to one subject.
* *Keep it short--*Make your first sentence short, compelling and catchy. Keep it well under the word limit.
* *Get local--*Newspapers, at their core, are community entities. Editors will be much more likely to publish aletter, and the letter will have much more impact, if it demonstrates local relevance.
* *Use personal stories--*Try to personalize the issue you are writing about. Say why you care and what it means to you. *For example, if you’ve taken your kids out to see wolves in the wild, or were lucky enough to hear wolves howling or see tracks, reference these experiences in your letter.*
* *Send to each paper in separate emails.*