

Drive-Through Window and Curbside Pickup

Drive-through windows and curbside pickup are areas where alcoholic beverages are carried to a consumer that were ordered online, through the phone, and in-person including at the drive-through window from an agency liquor store or licensed alcoholic beverage business. The conveyance of alcoholic beverages at the curbside pickup area may only be provided to a consumer who is within 300 feet of the licensed premises or agency liquor store and a drive-through window must be on the licensed premises and approved by the Cannabis & Alcohol Regulation Division (CARD)

Allowed:

- Accepting alcoholic beverage orders online, through the phone, or in person.
- Selling alcoholic beverages in original packaging, prepared servings, or growlers depending on the type of establishment or license held.
- Conveying alcoholic beverages through a department-approved drive-through window listed on the licensee's floorplan on file with CARD within the hours the licensee is allowed in statute based on the type of establishment or license.
- Carrying alcoholic beverages to a department-approved curbside location listed on the licensee's floorplan on file with CARD within the hours the licensee is allowed in statute based on the type of establishment or license.

Not Allowed:

- No consuming alcoholic beverages sold for off-premises consumption on the premises.

Specific License Conditions:

- Brewery and Distillery Licenses: prepared servings count towards sample room limits and may only be sold between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- Restaurant Beer and Wine (RBW) Licenses: food must also be purchased at the same time, stated on the bill and may only be sold between the hours of 11 a.m. and 11 p.m.

Does not include the following license types:

- Golf course beer/wine
- Nonprofit arts
- Yellowstone airport beer/wine
- Montana heritage
- Sacramental wine
- Academic brewer (Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC) and MSU-Billings)
- Or any other license that does not allow "to go" sales.

Definitions:

- "Growler" means any fillable, sealable container complying with federal law.
- "Original package" means the sealed container in which a manufacturer packages its product for retail sale. The term includes but is not limited to:
 - (i) bottles;
 - (ii) cans; and
 - (iii) kegs.
- "Prepared Serving" means a container of alcoholic beverages, filled at the time of sale, and sealed with a lid, for consumption at a place other than the licensee's premises.

Questions? [Contact an Alcohol Licensing Specialist](#)

All licensees must comply with all Federal and Montana alcoholic beverage laws and rules.

SECTIONS [16-1-106](#), [16-2-106](#), [16-3-213](#), [16-3-214](#), [16-3-303](#), [16-3-411](#),
[16-4-105](#), [16-4-110](#), [16-4-115](#), [16-4-201](#), [16-4-208](#), [16-4-209](#), [16-4-213](#), [16-4-312](#), AND [16-4-420](#), MCA

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