

Division of Licensure,
Regulation and Education
Montgomery County, Maryland

2026

RESOURCE CALENDAR

for Alcohol Retailers



ABS
ALCOHOL BEVERAGE SERVICES

**OAK
&
VINE**

MONTGOMERY COUNTY
LIQUOR & WINE



STAY CONNECTED

The ABS Communication Center is here for you!

- Placing orders
- Providing assistance and problem solving
- Connecting customers with the ABS experts
- Providing outreach on order status and product availability
- Measured responsiveness to customer inquiries
- Superb customer service
- And more!

Ways to Order

- iStore - offers 24-hour ordering
montgomerycountymd.gov/abs/istore/
- Email: ABS.CommunicationCenter@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov
- Fax: 240-777-1909

Ways to Reach Out

- Monday-Friday, 8:00 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.
- Phone: 240-777-1900
- Email: ABS.CommunicationCenter@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov



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January 2026

DECEMBER

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				1 New Year's Day	2	3
4	5	6	7 ALERT Training in Spanish	8	9	10
11	12 ALERT Training	13	14	15 Board of License Commissioners Hearing	16	17
18	19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day County Offices Closed BWL Licenses – 3:00 a.m. extended hours Sun. into Mon.	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 ALERT Training	27	28	29	30	31

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Check website for holiday hours.



LICENSE RENEWALS

Alcoholic Beverages License Renewal Process:

- Renewal application must be submitted by March 31, 2026
- License fees must be paid by April 30, 2026
- 2026 licenses must be posted by May 1, 2026
- Renewal information mailed to all licensed facilities in mid-January

Please contact us with questions or comments:

Montgomery County Alcohol Beverage Services
Division of Licensure, Regulation and Education
Call: 240-777-1999
E-mail: ABSLicensing@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov



Renewal applications can also be submitted online at:

MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/ABS/licensure/license

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February 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 First day to submit alcohol license renewal application	2	3	4	5 Board of License Commissioners Hearing	6	7
8	9 ALERT Training	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15	16 Presidents Day County Offices Closed BWL Licenses – 3:00 a.m. extended hours Sun. into Mon.	17	18	19 Board of License Commissioners Hearing	20	21
22	23 ALERT Training	24	25	26	27	28

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ALERT TRAINING

Alcohol Law Education and Regulatory Training (ALERT) is a free training designed to educate Montgomery County servers, sellers, management, and owners on alcohol beverage regulatory compliance. Learn how to develop responsible alcohol policies, review issues identified by enforcement agencies, and have an opportunity to network with peers and County officials.

Offered on the 2nd and 4th Monday of every month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.—if training falls on a holiday, the class is scheduled for the next business day. Check online for details. ALERT is also offered in Spanish throughout the year.



To register, visit:
www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/ABS/education/training/
Call: 240-777-1999

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March 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5  Board of License Commissioners Hearing	6	7
8	9  ALERT Training Daylight Savings Time BWL only loses an hour	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19  Board of License Commissioners Hearing	20	21
22	23  ALERT Training	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31  Last day to submit alcohol license renewal application				

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ALCOHOL AWARENESS MONTH

April marks National Alcohol Awareness Month. Since alcohol is widely available and plays a central role in many American gatherings, it's important to raise awareness about risky behaviors like binge drinking and drunk driving.

How can you help?

- Adopt responsible service practices at your business.
- Promote your establishments as a safe and enjoyable gathering place and avoid promotions that encourage over-consumption.
- Do not serve or provide alcohol to anyone who should not be drinking.
- Prevent under-21 alcohol use. Always ask for ID! Vertical IDs are issued to under-21 individuals, and you should always stop, check again, and ask questions.
- Donate to organizations that promote awareness on the dangers of alcohol misuse.



Questions?

Visit the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence of Maryland at: www.ncaddmaryland.org

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April 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  ALERT Training in Spanish	2	3	4
5 Easter	6	7	8	9  Board of License Commissioners Hearing Board votes on License Renewals	10	11
12	13  ALERT Training	14	15  First day to pay and print 2026 alcohol license	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27  ALERT Training	28	29	30  Last day to pay and print 2026 alcohol license 2025 license expires at midnight		

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YOUR LICENSE



Your alcohol license provides valuable information that includes:

- Type of License
- Hours of Alcohol Sales
- Special Permits (at bottom of license)
 - Catering Privilege
 - Sampling
 - Wine Corkage
 - Refillable Containers
 - Outdoor Café
 - Spirits for Cooking
 - RTD (Ready-To-Drink)
 - Retail Delivery

Make sure to display your license in the frame under glass, where the public can see and read it.



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May 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7 Board of License Commissioners Hearing	8	9
10 Mother's Day	11 ALERT Training	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Board of License Commissioners Hearing	22	23
24	25 Memorial Day County Offices Closed BWL Licenses – extended hours until 3:00 a.m. Sun. into Mon.	26 ALERT Training	27	28	29	30
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OUTDOOR CAFES & TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS

With the weather warming up, are you looking into expanding your alcohol service outdoors?

License holders can apply to serve alcoholic beverages in an outdoor area under these requirements:

- Landlord must approve outdoor café
- Designated café area must be:
 - Adjacent to the licensed premises
 - Have a barrier of at least 36 inches high
 - In a non-public property or public right of way



Need to modify your business temporarily?

Apply for a Temporary Business Modification permit to change outdoor café area or make other changes. Call 240-777-1999

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June 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4  Board of License Commissioners Hearing	5	6
7	8  ALERT Training	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18  Board of License Commissioners Hearing	19  Juneteenth County Offices Closed	20
21  Father's Day	22  ALERT Training	23	24	25	26	27
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ROUTINE CHECKLIST

The alcoholic beverage enforcement program conducts inspections of licensed facilities to ensure compliance with state and county laws, rules, and regulations.

When conducting a routine inspection, our enforcement teams will look for:

- Alcohol license framed and posted where the public can read it.
- State approved Alcohol Awareness certified person on the licensed premise during all hours in which alcoholic beverages are sold.
- Employee records available on premises and maintained for one (1) year after an employee is no longer employed.
- Beer, wine, and liquor invoices available on premises and maintained for two (2) years.
- No bottle refills, product alteration, or premixes older than 5 days.



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July 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1  ALERT Training in Spanish	2  Board of License Commissioners Hearing	3 Independence Day Observed – County Offices Closed	4 Independence Day
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12	13  ALERT Training	14	15	16  Board of License Commissioners Hearing	17	18
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26	27  ALERT Training	28	29	30	31	

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TOP ALCOHOL VIOLATIONS

These are the most common alcohol violations by license holders in Montgomery County.

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NO ALCOHOL AWARENESS CERTIFIED PERSON

An accredited person must be in the licensed establishment during all hours of alcohol sales.

02

SALE TO MINOR (UNDER 21)

License holders and their staff are prohibited from selling or serving alcohol to anyone who is younger than 21 years of age. Always check IDs!

03

LABELING PREMIXES

All premixes must be made in a separate container and must include:
1) date prepared,
2) name & amount of alcohol used, and
3) expiration date 5 days after mixing.

04

REUSE & REFILLING ALCOHOL BOTTLES

All empty alcohol bottles or containers should be recycled or discarded properly. No refilling or reusing allowed.

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ALTERING CONTENTS OF A CONTAINER

Neither license holders nor their staff can alter, fortify or dilute the alcohol contents of a manufacturer's bottle or container.

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August 2026

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9	10  ALERT Training	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20  Board of License Commissioners Hearing	21	22
23	24  ALERT Training	25	26	27	28	29
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ALCOHOL REFUSAL TIPS

At some point you or your employees will have to stop serving alcohol to an intoxicated customer. Here are some helpful Do's and Don'ts:

Do's:

- Keep track of the number & types of drinks you are serving
- Speak with manager & security before approaching a customer
- Politely inform the customer that you can no longer serve them alcohol
- Ask if they would like a non-alcoholic beverage
- Offer to arrange alternative transportation. Call police if intoxicated person drives away
- Prohibit loitering outside your business

Don't:

- Don't insult the patron. Politely inform that their actions are unacceptable
- Don't be persuaded to give them "one last drink"
- Don't get riled up. If their voice goes up, keep your voice down
- Don't procrastinate in cutting someone off. Do it while you can still persuade them



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September 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3  Board of License Commissioners Hearing	4	5
6	7 Labor Day County Offices Closed BWL Licenses – 3:00 a.m. extended hours Sun. into Mon.	8	9	10	11	12
13	14  ALERT Training	15	16	17  Board of License Commissioners Hearing	18	19
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27	28  ALERT Training	29	30			

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RESPONSIBLE SERVICE

Set up your business for success with these responsible service practices:

- Have step-by-step instructions on what a server should do if a patron becomes intoxicated.
- Refuse service to anyone who is intoxicated--it is illegal to sell or serve alcohol to an intoxicated individual.
- Don't serve drinks ordered for someone who is not present.
- Encourage food sales and place a glass of water down to accompany the first alcoholic drink.
- Avoid promotions that encourage overconsumption.
- Do not allow staff to consume alcohol while working.



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October 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6	7 ALERT Training in Spanish	8	9	10
11	12 Indigenous People's Day BWL Licenses – extended hours until 3:00 a.m. Sun. into Mon.	13 ALERT Training	14	15 Board of License Commissioners Hearing	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 ALERT Training	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween

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KEEPING IT SAFE

Keeping our community safe is everyone's responsibility! Approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers. Offer your customers safe alternatives to get home.

Uber/Lyft

- Visit Uber.com or Lyft.com
- Call a car to pick you up anytime
- Offers a ride from the free app

Taxi Companies

(Licensed to operate in Montgomery County)

- AnyTime Taxi – (301) 637-9292
- Action Taxi – (301) 840-1000
- Regency Taxi – (301) 990-9000

RideOn Bus

Use RideOnRealtime.com to display bus locations and estimated arrival times for next 5 buses

Metro

Use www.wmata.com for fare information and schedules



SoberRide

- Operates on high-risk holidays
- To receive a free ride home (up to a certain maximum) patrons over 21 can visit soberride.com

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November 2026

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Return to Standard Time. Set back clocks one hour . *BWL and BW on premises gain 1-hour sales	2	3	4	5 Board of License Commissioners Hearing	6	7
8	9 ALERT Training	10	11 Veterans Day County Offices Closed	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Board of License Commissioners Hearing	20	21
22	23 ALERT Training	24	25 Reminder: High Risk Night. Highest rate of youth drinking today. CHECK IDs!	26 Thanksgiving Day County Offices Closed	27	28
29	30					

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ONE-DAYS & FESTIVALS

Did you know that nonprofits who want to host an event where:

1. The event is open to the public
2. There is a fee associated with the event
3. There are fundraising activities being held

The host must apply for either a one-day license or a festival license. While the licenses are similar, they are different.

Here's a brief summary of what each license is purposed for:

- One-Day License: a nonprofit hosts an event and will be doing the sale/service of alcohol
- Festival License: a nonprofit hosts an event and has vendors to do the sale/service of alcohol



For more information about the one-day license or the festival license, visit

<https://www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/ABS/licensure/license/one-day/>

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NOVEMBER

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December 2026

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13	14 ALERT Training	15	16	17 Board of License Commissioners Hearing	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 Christmas Day County Offices Closed	26
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve		

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iSTORE

Need to order from ABS? We make it easy for you through our iStore:

- Check product inventory
- Receive emails detailing any open or outstanding orders
- Receive reports on monthly purchases and returns
- Track invoices, payments, and returns
- Save previous orders and cancel orders
- Order products anytime, anywhere!

How to Set Up?

- Call: 240-777-1900
- Email: ABSiStoreHelp@MontgomeryCountyMD.gov



Visit:

www.MontgomeryCountyMD.gov/ABS/istore

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January 2027

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 New Year's Day County Offices Closed
3	4	5	6 ALERT Training in Spanish	7 Board of License Commissioners Hearing	8	9
10	11 ALERT Training	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 BWL Licenses – 3:00 a.m. extended hours Sun. into Mon. Martin Luther King Jr. Day County Offices Closed	19	20	21 Board of License Commissioners Hearing	22	23
24	25 ALERT Training	26	27	28	29	30
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Locations

Aspen Hill

13661-13665 Connecticut Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Burtonsville

15620 Old Columbia Pike
Burtonsville, MD 20866

Cabin John

7913 Tuckerman Lane
Potomac, MD 20854

Clarksburg Village

12051 Chestnut Branch Way
Suite C-1
Clarksburg, MD 20871

Cloverly

723 Cloverly Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20905

Darnestown

12155 Darnestown Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Downtown Rockville

300 N Washington Street
Rockville, MD 20850

Fallsgrove

14937E Shady Grove Road
Rockville, MD 20850

Flower

8706-B Flower Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20901

Gaithersburg Square

512 N. Frederick Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Goshen Crossing

20004-2008 Goshen Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20879

Hampden Lane

4920 Hampden Lane
Bethesda, MD 20814

Kensington

3733 University Boulevard
Kensington, MD 20895

King Farm

302 King Farm Boulevard
Suite 120
Rockville, MD 20878

Kingsview

18323 Leaman Farm Road
Germantown, MD 20874

Leisure World

3824-26 International Drive
Silver Spring, MD 20906

Montrose

12015-B Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

Muddy Branch

866 Muddy Branch Road
Gaithersburg, MD 20878

Olney

17825 Georgia Avenue
Olney, MD 20832

Poolesville

19710-D Fisher Avenue
Poolesville, MD 20837

Potomac

10132 River Road
Potomac, MD 20854

Seneca Meadows

20680 Seneca Meadows Parkway
Suite A-2
Germantown, MD 20876

Silver Spring

8715 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Walnut Hill

745 South Frederick Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Westbard

5390 Westbard Avenue
Bethesda, MD 20814

Wheaton

11160 Veirs Mill Road, Spc P212
Wheaton, MD 20902

White Oak

12259 New Hampshire Avenue
Silver Spring, MD 20904

Hours: Monday – Saturday: 10:00am to 9:00pm, Sunday: 12:00pm – 5:00pm*

*Poolesville closed on Sundays



2027

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ID Tips

- ✓ **ALWAYS** ask for an ID
- ✓ **NEVER** accept an expired ID card
- ✓ **READ AND LOOK** at the photo on the ID
- ✓ **VERTICAL** IDs are issued to persons under 21
- ✓ A **VERTICAL** ID should be a **RED FLAG!**
Stop, check again, and ask questions

ACCEPTABLE forms of ID:

- State issued driver's license
- State issued MVA ID card
- Military ID
- Passport
- Immigration card/green card



If you weren't born on or
before TODAY'S DATE in

2005

then you CAN'T buy ALCOHOL or TOBACCO.
You must be 21 to purchase alcohol or tobacco.