

## ***Dying Without a Will***

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### Resources

1. [Glossary of Estate Planning Terms](#). MSU Extension MontGuide (MT200202HR) (2019) [[Order Online](#)]  
Provides definitions of some of the estate planning terms used in MSU Extension Estate Planning MontGuides. Keep this glossary close by in case you come across an unfamiliar term.
2. [Dying Without a Will in Montana: Who Receives Your Property?](#) MSU Extension MontGuide (MT198908HR) (2019) [[Order Online](#)]  
Includes legal terms and detailed examples of possible scenarios for distribution of property should a person die before writing a will in Montana.
3. [Dying Without a Will in Montana Interactive Website](#): Who receives your property if you pass away without a written will? Use this website to discover how your property will be distributed under Montana law if you are a Montana resident and if you pass away without a written will (as do 7 out of 10 Americans). **This website has been updated to reflect changes made by the 2019 Legislature effective October 1, 2019.**
4. [Dying Without a Will in Montana CD](#)  
If you find your Internet is "slow" downloading the information from the website above you may wish to receive our CD containing the same information. We can also send a CD to friends, relatives, or colleagues whom you also think would be interested in what happens to their property if they die without a will.
5. [Montana Common Law Marriage & Estate Planning](#) MSU Extension MontGuide (MT201408HR) (2019) [[Order Online](#)]  
Explores Montana common law marriages from an estate planning perspective. Topics include: The definition of common law marriage, what establishes a common law marriage, what documentation is necessary for a common law marriage, and what amount the surviving spouse of a common law marriage inherits.
  - o [Affidavit of Common Law Marriage](#) (PDF)
6. [Estate Planning in Montana: Getting Started](#). MSU Extension MontGuide (MT199508HR) (2017) [[Order Online](#)]  
Explains how--and why---to arrange for the future distribution of your property in Montana.