Daylight Savings Time 2021

**ARM 42.13.110** - Hours of operation change twice yearly due to daylight savings time. The change in time will occur at 2:00 a.m. Therefore:

(a) In the fall, the establishment must close at 2:00 a.m. and then set the clock back to 1:00 a.m.; and
(b) In the spring the establishment must close at 2:00 a.m. and then set the clock forward to 3:00 a.m.

So, what does that mean for me this spring? Business as usual. Close at 2:00 a.m., set the clock forward to 3:00 a.m., and open at my regular time the next day.

Daylight Savings Time (DST) in most of the United States starts on the second Sunday in March and ends on the first Sunday in November.

**Spring**

DST in 2021 is 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 14. People sometimes say “spring forward” to remember it as the day clocks move forward one hour. When you spring forward, set the clocks forward one hour ahead at 2 a.m.

**Fall**

In the fall, you must remember to set your clocks back one hour.

This year we will set our clocks back on Sunday, November 7. The sale of alcohol may not occur once clocks have been set back. On-premise locations must close their doors at 2 a.m. and then set their clocks back one hour. They may not re-open and continue to sell alcohol for that extra hour. Off-premise locations do not need to close but must stop the sale of alcohol at 2 a.m., and then set their clocks back one hour. They may continue all other sales except that of alcohol.

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

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