PROCEDURE FOR TAILGATE PARTIES

TAILGATE POLICY AND GENERAL INFORMATION
1) Alcohol service may begin no earlier than two hours prior to kick-off. See detailed Times, Conduct and Sale of Food and Beverages.

2) Please...NO ALCOHOL service after half-time.

3) Tailgate parties in Riverbowl South and East and Kirkland Memorial Grove must be permitted through the Intercollegiate Athletic Business Office (406)243-2202.

4) Please use the garbage bags provided by Public Safety Officers and leave a clean tailgate area.

5) Recreational vehicles – (RV's), with RV permits -- must park on Campus Drive and 5th Street between 6 p.m. the day before the game and three hours prior to kickoff.

OBJECTIVE
This policy establishes guidelines regarding “tailgate parties” for the information of participants and The University of Montana personnel.

AUTHORITY
Policy No. 503.1 of The Montana University System Policy and Procedures Manual authorizes service of alcoholic beverages at “substantive: events on The university of Montana Campus, where authorized by the President. Montana University System Regulations Section 1008(1)(f) prohibit commercial activity on campus property without permission granted in writing by the President designee.

AREAS
Tailgate parties held in the Kirkland Memorial Grove, Riverbowl East and South must have a tailgate permit and must reserve a space through the Office of the Associate Athletic Director, Internal Operations Office (406) 243-2202.

Small private tailgate parties (20 people or fewer) may be held, without a tailgate permit, in University parking lots and contiguous grassy areas in the immediate vicinity of Washington Grizzly Stadium only, to wit: lots A, F, M, M-1, P, R, T, U, V, W and Z. Tailgate parties may not be held on University streets.

SIGNS
Signs sponsored, designated tailgate areas shall be limited to identify location and shall be no higher than 10 feet above ground level.

TIMES
Tailgate parties may begin no earlier than two hours before the scheduled start of the game. Consumption of alcohol may not continue beyond the kick-off of the second half of football.
SAFETY AND SECURITY
The Intercollegiate Athletic Program and the Office of Public Safety will work together to determine the level of security needed at tailgates

CONDUCT
Individuals, groups, and organizations holding or participating in tailgate parties are responsible for their own conduct and are expected to respect the rights of others and the entire University community. Groups holding tailgate parties are responsible for providing their own designated drivers.

At its discretion, the University may terminate tailgate parties, or take other appropriate action against individuals, groups, or organizations whose conduct at tailgate parties is irresponsible, unreasonable, or inconsistent with University policies and regulations, ordinances or laws.

SALE OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES
No organization, business or individual may offer any goods and services for sale (including “donations”) on the campus in conjunction with The University of Montana home football games without prior written approval of the Athletic Director or designee. Any group found to be in violation of this rule will have their tailgate permit revoked and will receive no refund for future games. See MUS regulation 1008(1)(f), UM Facilities Rental and Use Policies 20.0 Non-University Users, and 40.0 Sales of Food and Beverages.

VEHICLES
Tailgate parties held in Kirkland Memorial Grove and Riverbowl East are limited to a maximum of two vehicles. Tailgate parties on Riverbowl South are allowed one vehicle and parking is not allowed on the grass itself. All parking in tail gate areas is weather dependant.

FEE
A fee will be assessed for tailgate and RV permits. Call (406) 243-2202 to reserve a space.

DAMAGES TO GROUNDS AND FACILITIES
The fee assessed for the tailgate permit is intended to cover normal setup and cleanup activities. However, any significant damages to the grounds, sprinkling systems, lighting systems or trees will be repaired by Facilities Services and the cost will be the responsibility of the tailgate permit holder.

Intercollegiate Athletics Tailgate Link: http://web.montanagrizzlies.com/umgriz/stadiums_and_facilities/wgs.htm#tailgating