

Deschutes County Web Accessibility Statement

Deschutes County is committed to ensuring that our website is accessible to everyone. We strive to meet federal government standards for making Web content and applications usable for persons with disabilities and to fulfill the mandate of Section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act Amendments of 1998. The standards are found on the U.S. Government's [Section 508 Web site](#).

Our web application developers have adopted several key accessibility standards for our County Internet site including:

- Providing text for all graphic elements;
- Designing web pages so that all information conveyed with color is also available without color; and
- Designing web pages so that all critical content components will be visible within the 800 x 600 resolution setting.

We have also developed an Accessibility Action Plan to guide accessibility improvements to our website. Key components of the Action Plan are:

- To perform periodic assessments of our Internet site using accessibility testing software to validate our site for Section 508 requirements and to identify areas of the website that have accessibility issues;
- To systematically correct website pages that have identified problems through a prioritized approach that corrects most frequently visited pages first followed by pages that are less frequently visited;
- To review all new and modified web pages to ensure that they are accessible;
- To conduct browser compatibility testing to ensure our website is compatible with the latest versions of all major Web browsers; and
- To investigate, design and implement capabilities for creating printer friendly pages for allowing easy printing.

Deschutes County realizes that there may be situations where website content may not be fully accessible. If you have difficulty accessing any material on this site because of a disability, please [contact us in writing](#), via [telephone](#) or [email](#) and we will work with you to make the information available.

We also encourage you to visit the [Accessibility Section](#) of our website where you will find extensive additional information about web accessibility tools as well as other actions the County is taking to make all of our County facilities accessible. In addition, we encourage you to let us know how we are doing and to provide feedback regarding any accessibility problems you might be experiencing. Once again [contact us in writing](#), via [telephone](#) or by [email](#).
