

Plan to Vote



Make your voice heard by voting in every election. This document will help you make your plan to vote.

Upcoming Elections

- ◆ **Spring Primary:** February 18, 2025
- ◆ **Spring Election:** April 1, 2025

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Registering to Vote

Checking Your Registration Status

First, check your **voter registration** status at myvote.wi.gov.

If you have questions, contact **your municipal clerk** for help. Your municipal clerk is the person in charge of elections for your city, town, or village.

You can find out who your municipal clerk is at My Vote Wisconsin: myvote.wi.gov/en-us/My-Municipal-Clerk.

How do I register to vote?

There are 4 ways to register to vote. You can register by:



going online at myvote.wi.gov.

You must have a Wisconsin driver's license or ID card.



mailing your registration form to your municipal clerk.

Download the registration form at elections.wi.gov/Register.



going to your municipal clerk's office.

Take your ID and proof of residence.

Read the “What is a proof of residence?” section to learn more.



going to your polling place on Election Day.

Take your ID card and proof of residence.

When do I have to register?

It depends on how you want to vote.

Deadlines to register for the

Spring Primary:

- **By mail or online:** January 29
- **In person at your clerk's office:** February 14
- **Same day at your polling place:** February 18



Deadlines to register for the **Spring Election:**

- **By mail or online:** March 12
- **In person at your clerk's office:** March 28
- **Same day at your polling place:** April 1

What if I've moved since the last election?

You must register again to update your address. Follow the instructions under “How do I register to vote?”

How can I get a registration form?

You can request a registration form from your municipal clerk.

You can also download **Form EL-131, Voter Registration Application** from the Wisconsin Elections Commission.

Forms are available in English, Spanish, and Hmong:

elections.wi.gov/wec-form/voter-registration-application

What is a proof of residence?

The **proof of residence** is a document with your name and current address.

For example, your proof of residence can be a:

- valid Wisconsin driver's license or identification card
- utility bill
- bank statement
- pay stub

Learn more about acceptable proofs of residence on the Wisconsin Elections Commission website:

elections.wi.gov/Register

What if I don't have a Wisconsin Driver's License or ID card?

If you don't have a driver's license or ID card, you can:



- 1.** Fill out a registration form.
- 2.** Include your proof of residence, like a utility bill, bank statement, or pay stub.
- 3.** Mail the completed form and proof of residence to your clerk's office.

Photo Identification and Voting

You must show a **photo ID** to vote in Wisconsin.

Photo identification you can use are your:

- WI driver's license (the address does not need to be current)
- WI ID card

Photo Identification, Continued

- Military ID
- U.S. passport
- Certificate of Naturalization

For more information about acceptable photo IDs, visit Bring It to the Ballot at bringit.wi.gov.

How do I get a free Wisconsin ID card for voting?

You can get a free Wisconsin ID card from the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). Learn about getting an ID card for voting purposes here:

[wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drivers/how-to-apply/petition-process.aspx](https://wisconsin.gov/dmv/license-drivers/how-to-apply/petition-process.aspx)

Call the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's **voter ID hotline** if you need assistance: (844) 588-1069

Follow these steps on the next page:

1

Visit a Department of Motor Vehicles customer service center.

You can find your nearest center using the “**Find my closest DMV**” tool:

trust.dot.state.wi.us/cscfinder/cscsearch.do

2

Bring the following documents, if you have them:

- **Proof of Name and Date of Birth**, like your birth certificate.

wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drivers/how-to-apply/proof-name-dob.aspx

- **Proof of Identity**, like your Social Security Card, Medicaid Card, or Medicare Card.

wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drivers/how-to-apply/identity.aspx

- **Proof of Wisconsin Residency**, like your utility bill, government mail, or lease.

wisconsin.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drivers/how-to-apply/residency.aspx

- **Proof of U.S. Citizenship**, like your U.S. birth certificate or citizenship paperwork:
wisconsindot.gov/Pages/dmv/license-drvs/how-to-apply/citizen-leg-pres.aspx
- **Social Security Number**

Note: If you don't have every document, you can still get an ID card for voting. Just bring what you have to the DMV.

3

Fill out these forms:

- **Form MV3004**, Wisconsin Identification Card Application: wisconsindot.gov/Documents/formdocs/mv3004.pdf
- **Form MV3012**, DMV Administrative Petition - Unavailable Documentation:
wisconsindot.gov/Documents/formdocs/mv3012.docx

Use this form if you are missing any documents that you need to apply for an identification card.

Voting in Elections

When is the next election?

The next elections are:

- **Spring Primary:** February 18, 2025
- **Spring Election:** April 1, 2025

How can I vote?

There are 3 ways. You can vote:



by mail with an absentee ballot.



in-person before Election Day.

This is also known as **early voting**.



in-person on Election Day.

How do I request an absentee ballot?

You can request an absentee ballot by:



going online at myvote.wi.gov.

- Take a picture of your acceptable photo ID, which could be your Wisconsin ID card or Driver's License.
- Upload it with your absentee ballot request.



mailing your absentee ballot request to your clerk.

Include a copy of your acceptable photo ID, which could be your Wisconsin ID card or Driver's License.



e-mailing your absentee ballot request to your clerk.

In your email, you must include:

- your name
- voting address
- a copy of your photo ID, which could be your Wisconsin ID card or Driver's License.



filling out the request form at your clerk's office.

Bring your acceptable photo ID with you.

How do I complete an absentee ballot?

Read and follow all directions on your absentee ballot carefully.

1

Use a black or blue pen to fill out your ballot.

2

Complete your absentee ballot with your witness.

- A **witness** watches you complete your ballot but should not see your choices.
- Your witness must be at least 18 years old and a U.S. citizen.
- You can ask a spouse, friend, relative, or neighbor to be your witness.
- Ask your municipal clerk if you need help finding a witness.

3

Put your absentee ballot in the return envelope and seal it.

4

Your witness must sign the return envelope next to “Signature of Witness”.

Make sure your witness writes their full address. It should have their city, state, and zip code.

5

You must sign and date the return envelope next to “Signature of Voter”.

How do I return my absentee ballot?

Your absentee ballot must be received by 8 p.m. on Election Day.

You can:

- mail your completed absentee ballot at least one week before Election Day.

How do I return my absentee ballot?, continued

- take your completed ballot to your clerk. Call your clerk for locations and times.
- have an assistor help you return your ballot if you have a disability.

How do I vote in person before Election Day?

This is called **in-person absentee voting or early voting**. Depending on your location, early voting can begin 2 weeks before an election.

Ask your clerk for more information.

How do I vote in person on Election Day?

Find your polling place at myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Find-My-Polling-Place or ask your clerk.

Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. If you are in line by 8:00 p.m., stay in line – you can still vote.

What if I have problems getting into my polling place?

You have the right to ask for curbside voting if you:

- cannot enter your polling place due to a disability.
- are immunocompromised.

Curbside voting means 2 poll workers will bring the ballot to your car. Before Election Day, ask your clerk about how you can request curbside voting.

How do I decide who to vote for?

First, find out who is on your ballot at myvote.wi.gov/en-us/My-Ballot.

- **For an election with federal contests**, sample ballots are ready 47 days before the election.
- **For an election with state and local contests**, sample ballots are ready 21 days before the election.

Once you have seen who is on your ballot, learn about the candidates by:

- using Vote411's "Your Voter's Guide" tool at www.vote411.org/ballot.
- looking at candidate's websites.
- attending town halls and candidate forums.

What if I have more questions about voting or need help?

- **Contact your Municipal Clerk.** Find your Municipal Clerk using My Vote Wisconsin at myvote.wi.gov/en-us/My-Municipal-Clerk.
- **Contact the Disability Rights Wisconsin Voter Hotline.**
 - Call us: 1-844-347-8683 / 1-844-DIS-VOTE
 - E-mail us: info@disabilityvote.org
- **Visit the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition's website** at disabilityvote.org.
- **Contact the Wisconsin Elections Commission.**
 - Call: 1-866-VOTE-WIS
 - Visit: elections.wi.gov
- **Call the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) Voter ID Hotline** at 844-588-1069.