

For WA state voters

I'm currently living in Washington State and I want to register to vote, how can I do that?

If you have a WA driver's license you can register online in minutes at <https://olvr.votewa.gov/>

The deadline for online voter registration is **October 26**

What if I don't have a WA license?

That's ok! You have a couple of options:

1. You can print a voter registration form from <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/print-voter-registration-forms.aspx> and mail it to your county's elections office. You can find the correct address for your county's elections department at <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/auditors/> All mail-in voter registration must be *received by the elections office* by **October 26**
2. You can register to vote in person at your county elections office, which you can find at <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/auditors/> You can register to vote in person any time before 8:00pm on election day, November 3rd.
3. If you're in King County (Seattle area) you can go to a voting center on October 31, November 2, and November 3. At voting centers you can register and vote at the same time! Voting centers can be found at <https://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/how-to-vote/ballots/returning-my-ballot/vote-centers.aspx>
 - a. UW will be hosting a voting center! The voting center will be held at Dempsey Center, which is located behind the Alaska Airlines Arena.

What if I missed the deadline to register online or by mail?

That's ok too! You can still register to vote in person at either your county elections office or an in-person voting center before 8:00pm on Election Day, November 3rd.

I think I'm registered to vote in WA, but I'm not sure. How can I check that?

You can check your voter registration status online at

<https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>

Ok, I am registered to vote, but I have not yet gotten my ballot in the mail. How do I make sure I get one?

You have a few options here as well:

1. After checking your voter registration status on <https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx> you have the option to print a replacement ballot and a ballot return packet. If you do this and receive your official ballot in the mail, *fill in and return your printed replacement* as requesting a new ballot will invalidate any others that may have gotten lost in the mail.
2. You can go to your county elections office and request to vote in person. County elections offices can be found at <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/auditors/>
3. You can go to an in-person voting center on October 31, November 2, or November 3 to vote in person

I have my ballot, but there are some things on it that I am confused or undecided about. How do I find information about candidates and ballot measures?

You can find information about all WA state candidates and ballot initiatives at

<https://voter.votewa.gov/genericvoterguide.aspx?e=866&c=99#/>

If you're a King County voter, you can read the voter information pamphlet you received in the mail or read a pdf version here <https://www.kingcounty.gov/~media/depts/elections/how-to-vote/voters-pamphlet/2020/11/local-edition.ashx?la=en>

Alright, I have my ballot, I know who I am voting for, and I'm ready to fill it in and return it, what else do I need to know?

Yay! You're an informed and well-prepared voter who just needs to keep a couple of things in mind to ensure that your vote is received and counted:

1. Make sure to fill in your ballot with *black or blue ink only!* Ballots filled in with pencil, red ink, purple ink, gel pen, or crayon are unable to be counted.
2. Turn in your ballot at a designated drop box no later than 8:00pm on Election Day, November 3. You can find drop box locations at <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1cPdPpqSXVpD22hvU5x3CZPq7MvSc57Zi&ll=47.31673245696127%2C-120.82599999999998&z=7>
3. Mail your ballot by dropping it into any mailbox. It must be postmarked by November 3rd
4. Track your ballot! You can do this either by keeping the tear-away tracking number on your paper ballot or by logging into <https://voter.votewa.gov/WhereToVote.aspx>

Whew, ok that was a lot of information. What are the key takeaways?

1. Make sure you are registered!! Last day to register online or by mail is October 26, but you can register in-person until 8:00pm on Election Day, November 3rd.
2. WA state votes by mail. You should have already received your paper ballot and can drop it in either an official ballot drop box or the mail anytime between now and November 3rd.
3. You can vote in person at voting centers on October 31, November 2, and November 3. Be prepared to wait multiple hours and make sure to have some form of ID with you.

For other state voters

Nonpartisan voting database with really great info: [vote.org](https://www.vote.org)

Page with state-specific links and information: <https://www.vote.org/voter-registration-deadlines/>

Voter Registration Deadlines

Deadline has passed – Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North

Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington DC, West Virginia, Wisconsin

October 23 – Utah

October 24 – Iowa, Massachusetts

October 26 – Colorado, Montana, Washington

October 27 – Connecticut, New Hampshire

October 29 – Nevada (online registration only, mail-in deadline has passed)

Allows same-day, in-person registration*: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont, Washington, Washington DC, Wisconsin, Wyoming

*be sure to check restrictions at <https://www.vote.org/voter-registration-deadlines/> because same-day voting procedure is often different than pre-registration procedures

Deadlines to request absentee ballots

Deadline has passed – Kentucky, Nevada, New Mexico, Rhode Island

October 21 – Missouri

October 22 – Indiana

October 23 – Arizona, Idaho, Nebraska, Texas, Virginia

October 26 – Washington

October 27 – Arkansas, California, Connecticut, Hawaii, Kansas, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Washington DC

October 28 – Massachusetts, Utah, West Virginia

October 29 – Alabama, Oregon

October 30 – Georgia, Iowa, Louisiana, Maryland, Michigan, South Dakota, Wisconsin

October 31 – Florida, Maine, Ohio

November 2 – Alaska, Delaware, Illinois, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, South Dakota, Vermont, Wyoming

No deadline – Mississippi