

Guide to Get Out the Vote (GOTV) in Wisconsin

Election Day: November 6. Polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Voter Registration Deadline for new voters:
October 17
Election Day Registration is available.

Voting Absentee by Mail or In-Person

Eligibility: Any qualified voter may vote by absentee ballot. *Wis. Stat. § 6.20.*

Absentee ballot applications can be found in English, Spanish, and Hmong at <http://gab.wi.gov/forms> (last visited February 15, 2012).

Application Deadline

Mailed ballots: If mailed, the absentee ballot application must be received by the municipal clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before an election.

In Person: A voter may also apply for an absentee ballot in person at the municipal clerk's office until 5 p.m. on the Friday before an election. *Wis. Stat. § 6.86(1)(b).* The absentee ballot must be voted at that time and [cannot be taken](#) from the clerk's office.

Voting Deadline: Absentee ballots which were mailed to voters must be returned to the clerk's office before Election Day or postmarked by Election Day and received no later than 4p.m. on the Friday after Election Day to be counted.

Voting at the Polls on Election Day

ALL Wisconsin voters must show ID when voting in person. *Wis. Stat. § 6.79(2)(a).*

ID for in person voting (early voting or Election Day):
Valid photo ID, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other government document with name and current address. The name and address must match the elector's name and address on the poll list. *Wis. Stat. § 6.79(2)(a).*

NOTE: If the new voter ID law takes effect, photo ID will be required of all voters.

Voters Who Have Moved Since Registering to Vote

Voters in Wisconsin should vote in the precinct where they are currently living and have lived for at least 28 days preceding Election Day. If the voter moves within 28 days of the election, the voter should vote in the old precinct. *Wis. Stat. §§ 6.02, 6.10(4).*

The voter registration application can be used to update address or name change information. Voters are not required to re-register to vote. They can update their address and vote on Election Day in their new precinct as long as they present proof of residence and execute a new registration form at the new precinct. *Wis. Stat. § 6.02(2), 6.04, 6.40(1), 6.55.*

Polling Places

Polling place locator (individual must enter their personal information to get precinct and polling place information): <https://vpa.wi.gov/>

Voters must cast their ballots in the correct precinct. Sometimes there are multiple precincts in one polling place, so voters should confirm their precinct ahead of time and get in the correct line!

For more information, visit
www.fairelectionsnetwork.com.

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