VOTING INFORMATION

Voting is easy, and just about everyone has everything they need to vote. We’ve outlined below many options for providing proof of residency to register to vote and providing a photo ID when you head to the polls.

These are the steps you need to take to vote:
1. Register to vote by October 14th. You need a proof of residency document. If you miss this deadline, you can register on Election Day at the polls when you vote.
2. Vote by mail:
   a. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 29th. However, we strongly encourage you to request your absentee ballot as soon as possible - ideally by October 14th - so that you receive it on time.
   b. Fill out and return your absentee ballot. Your clerk’s office must receive your ballot by November 3rd.
3. OR register and vote in person on Election Day, November 3rd.

Step 1: Voter Registration

- In order to vote, you must first register to vote. Everyone in Wisconsin must prove they live in the state. To do this, you must provide a proof of residency document. Acceptable documents are listed below.
- You can register to vote here: wcv.votewisconsin.com until October 14th.
- You can also register to vote by mail, in-person in your clerk’s office, or at your polling place on Election Day.

Proof of Residency

A proof of residency document must contain your current address. You must be living at this residence at least 28 days before Election Day. For acceptable proof of residency documents, refer to the list below or visit this link: https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/ProofofResidence

- A check or other document issued by any gov
- A current and valid State of Wisconsin Drivers License or State ID card
- Any other official identification card or license issued by a Wisconsin governmental body or unit with current address
- A letter from your tribal government
- A real estate tax bill or receipt for the current year or the year preceding the date of the election
- A utility bill for the period commencing not earlier than 90 days before registering
- A bank or credit union statement
- A paycheck or pay stub
- A government agency or public school
- Homeless voters can prove their voting address with an affidavit from a social service agency. The Wisconsin Elections Commission provides sample letters here.
- A university, college, or technical college ID card if accompanied by a fee statement for the current semester
- Any identification card issued by an employer in the normal course of business and bearing a photo of the card holder, but not including a business card
- An intake document from a residential care facility such as a nursing home or assisted living facility.
- Other possible government documents include:
  - Letter from your tribal government
  - Court summons
  - Ticket/citation
  - Hunting or fishing license
  - Public high school transcript, report card, or schedule
  - Document from a Wisconsin Technical College
  - Correspondence from a Native American Tribe
  - Concealed carry permit
  - Bike license
  - Food Share
  - Social Security
  - Medicare
  - Medicaid
  - Badger Care
  - Senior Care
  - Wisconsin Works
  - Bartender license
  - Unemployment
  - Car registration
  - Bartender license
- Residential lease that is effective on date of registration. (Not valid if registering by mail or using wcv.votewisconsin.com)
*This is not a comprehensive list, but categories of the most common types used by voters.*

**Step 2: Request an Absentee Ballot**

- Once you are registered to vote, you can request an absentee ballot. This allows you to safely vote by mail so that you don’t have to wait in line at the polling station.
- **The deadline to request an absentee ballot is October 29th at 5p.m.** Your application must be received by the clerk at this deadline. However, we strongly encourage you to request your absentee ballot as soon as possible to allow for time in the postal system.
- The easiest way to request an absentee ballot is by going to this link: wcv.votewisconsin.com/absentee
- If this is your first time requesting an absentee ballot, you will need to upload a picture of your photo ID when making the request.

**Step 3: Fill Out and Return Your Absentee Ballot**

**Steps for filling out your ballot:**
- Once you fill out your absentee ballot, you will place it in the envelope provided. You will need to sign the envelope and write your address below your signature. You will also need a witness to sign the envelope and write their address on the envelope. You can see detailed instructions for filling out your ballot here.

**Steps for returning your ballot:**
- Absentee ballots must be **received by Tue Nov 3, 2020 before 8:00pm**
- We encourage you to return your ballots as soon as possible. Absentee ballots can be returned by mail, in person to your clerk’s office, or, depending on your municipality, you may be able to drop it off in an absentee ballot drop box. You can find out more by contacting your clerk. Find your clerk’s address here: myvote.wi.gov.

**Registering and Voting in Person Election Day, Nov. 3rd**

- **Election Day is Tuesday, November 3rd**
- If you prefer to register to vote in person on the day of the election, you can do so as long as you bring a valid photo ID and proof of residency with you.
- To find your polling place, go to myvote.wi.gov and type in your address. All polling locations in Wisconsin are open from 7:00a.m. to 8:00p.m.

**Acceptable Photo IDs for Voting**
A complete list of acceptable photo IDs and ways to get an ID can be found here. Below is a sample list of some photo IDs you can use. These are acceptable for voting purposes, and can be unexpired or expired after the date of the most recent general election (currently, the November 6, 2018 election):

- Wisconsin driver license (with or without a star in the right-hand corner, your id does not need to be a REAL ID)
- Wisconsin photo ID issued by (with or without a star in the right-hand corner, your id does not need to be a REAL ID)
- Department of Transportation
- U.S. passport
- Military ID card
- An identification card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin (May be used even if expired)
- A photo identification card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college that contains date of issuance, signature of student, and an expiration date no later than two years after date of issuance. (May be used even if expired before the most recent general election)
  - If the university or college ID is expired, the student ID must be accompanied by a separate document that proves current enrollment.
- There are additional options for IDs. Please visit this link for more information.