

Hennepin County Elections

Newsletter Toolkit

2024



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2024 Election Timeline

## State General Election

* September 20: Absentee voting begins for the general election
* October 15: General election deadline to pre-register to vote
* November 4: In-person absentee voting closes at 5 p.m.
* November 5: General Election Day (polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

# Voting absentee

## Absentee voting begins September 20

Absentee voting begins September 20, leading up to the general election on November 5. Make sure you’re prepared!

## Vote by mail

Fill out your ballot from the comfort of your home with an absentee ballot by mail.

Complete [an absentee ballot application (PDF)](https://mc-379cbd4e-be3f-43d7-8383-5433-cdn-endpoint.azureedge.net/-/media/hennepinus/residents/elections/documents/2024-regular-ab-ballot-application-02-2024.pdf?rev=669bb4c4cde44bd2aed34e9f4034b9a5&hash=017DBCD2D4E5B17842D2A6FFE84C0D78) or fill out the [online application](http://mnvotes.gov/absentee).

Return your completed application by:

* Mail – Hennepin County Elections, Government Center, 300 6th St S MC-680, Minneapolis, MN 55487
* Email – hc.vote@hennepin.us
* Fax – 612-348-2151

Vote in person

Vote early in person at your [local elections office](https://www.hennepin.us/your-government/overview/overview-of-hennepin-county/#hennepin-cities) (check with your city clerk for location and hours), or at:

* [Minneapolis Early Vote Center](https://vote.minneapolismn.gov/voters/vote-early-in-person/) (Minneapolis residents only)
* [Hennepin County Government Center](https://www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-early-voting) (300 – 6th Street South, Minneapolis, MN 55487)

# Register to vote

## September 17 is National Voter Registration Day

Are you registered to vote? Now is a great time to do so if you plan to cast a ballot in the 2024 general election.

Registering to vote is easy

Minnesota makes it easy to check your voter registration status, register to vote, and update your registration at [mnvotes.gov](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote).

Already registered? It's still a good idea to confirm your registration is correct and up to date. You will need to update your registration if you’ve moved or changed your name since the last time you voted.

Pre-registration for the November 2024 election ends on October 15. If you plan to vote but miss this deadline, you can register at your polling place on Election Day by showing proof of residence. Find out what you need to register on Election Day at [mnvotes.gov](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/).

Have questions?

Contact [hennepin.us/elections](https://www.hennepin.us/elections) or [find out what's on your ballot](https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/) ahead of time.

## Pre-register to vote for the 2024 election by October 15

Check your voter registration status, register to vote, and update your registration at [mnvotes.gov](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/).

Already registered? It's still a good idea to confirm your registration. You will need to update your registration if you’ve moved or changed your name since the last time you voted.

Now is also a good time to check with friends and family to make sure they're registered.

If you miss the deadline, register at the polls

To register on Election Day at your polling place, provide proof of residence or have someone from your precinct vouch on your behalf.

Find out what you need to register on Election Day at [mnvotes.gov](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/).

Need more information?

Visit the [Hennepin County Elections](https://www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/prepare-vote#voter-registration) page or [mnvotes.gov](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/) to register.

# Early voting

## Early voting begins September 20 for 2024 general election

Election Day is November 5, but you don't have to wait to cast your ballot.

What to do before you vote

1. [Register to vote](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/)
2. [View your sample ballot](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/whats-on-my-ballot/get-a-sample-ballot/)
3. [Choose how you want to vote](https://www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-early-voting)
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Request an absentee ballot at [mnvotes.gov](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/). Your completed ballot must be received by Election Day, November 5.

Find out what's on your ballot ahead of time at [mnvotes.gov](https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/).

# Election Day reminders

## Election Day is November 5

Voting early

* In-person – early voting ends November 4 at 5 p.m. [Find out where you can vote early in person](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-in-person/).
* By mail – [absentee ballots](https://www.hennepin.us/residents/elections/absentee-early-voting) must arrive by Election Day, November 5 to be counted. Return your ballot to your city elections office.

Voting on Election Day

Before you head to the polls:

* [View your sample ballot](https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us/)
* [Find your polling place](https://pollfinder.sos.state.mn.us/)

Registering on Election Day

To register at your polling place, you’ll need to bring proof of residence:

* ID with your current name and address; or
* Photo ID AND a document, like a utility bill, due or dated within 30 days of the election with your current residence; or
* Registered voter from the same precinct who can confirm your address.

[Find all acceptable proof of residence options at mnvotes.gov](https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/).