



# MAKE A PLAN TO VOTE!

**Primary Election - August 13th | General Election - November 5th**

## STEP 1: CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION

### August 13th Partisan Primary

- Deadline to register online or by mail, July 24th
- Deadline to register in person at your Clerk's office, August 9th
- Register at your polling location on election day, August 13th

### November 5th General Election

- Deadline to register online or by mail, October 16th
- Deadline to register in person at your Clerk's office, November 1st
- Register at your polling location on election day, November 5th



## STEP 2: TO VOTE EARLY, REQUEST YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT TODAY

### Online: Request your absentee ballot by visiting [WWW.COMMIT2WIN.VOTE](http://WWW.COMMIT2WIN.VOTE)

- Use your smartphone to take a picture of your WI ID or WI Driver's License and upload it with your application.
- Make sure to check the box requesting your absentee ballot for every election this year.
- The last day to request your ballot online is **August 8** (for primary) | **October 31** (for general)

### By Mail: Mail your completed absentee request form to your Clerk with a copy of your WI ID

### By Email: Email your Clerk to request your absentee ballot

- Include your name, voting address, and a copy of your valid WI ID or drivers license.

### In-Person: Complete the request form at your Clerk's office.

If you have already provided your Wisconsin ID or driver's license with a request before, you do not need to do it again.

## STEP 3: FILLING OUT & RETURNING YOUR BALLOT & ABSENTEE ENVELOPE

### Ballots must be marked in front of an eligible witness

- Use **BLUE or BLACK ink only**
- A witness must be a U.S. Citizen who is at least 18 years old.
- For military or overseas voters, your witness must be at least 18 years old but is not required to be a U.S. Citizen.
- A witness can be a friend, spouse, family member, neighbor, etc
  - A witness **cannot** be a candidate on the ballot for this election.

### Seal the envelope in the presence of your witness

### Complete the absentee envelope completely and accurately

- If you make a mistake while marking your ballot or completing the return envelope, please contact your municipal clerk. They can also field questions about how to request a new ballot and return it if you make a mistake.

### Return your ballot sealed inside your envelope

- Unless you are a voter with a disability, you must personally return your own ballot and it must be received in time to be delivered to your polling place **no later than 8:00 p.m. on Election Day.**

**Required Elements**

<b>VOTER</b>	Your voter information (may already be complete)	→
	Signature	
<b>WITNESS</b>	Signature	→
	Printed Name	
	Address	

- Mail it back. Allow at least one week for mail.
- Drop it off at your municipal clerk's office.
- Drop it off at your polling place or central count location.

# ABSENTEE VOTING

## FAST FACTS

### WHAT IF I GO IN TO EARLY VOTE?

**In-person at the clerk's office:** The last possible day for a clerk to conduct in-person absentee voting is the Sunday before the election. **Each municipal clerk's office sets its own schedule for in-person absentee voting.**

**Note:** A person cannot request an absentee ballot in person and leave the clerk's office with the ballot. The ballot is either voted in the clerk's office, or the clerk must mail the ballot to the elector.

Fun fact: Early voting is also called in-person absentee voting.

### WHEN DO I GET MY BALLOT?

**Upon Request:** An absentee ballot must be sent by the following dates to any voter with an absentee application on file.

- 47 days before a federal election
- 21 days before a primary or other election. Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm).

### WHAT IF I'M DISABLED?

Voters who are indefinitely confined, meaning they have a difficult time getting to the polls due to age, illness, infirmity, or disability, can request that a ballot be automatically sent to them for each election. Voters on the list must return their ballot each election or they will be dropped from the absentee ballot rolls.

Special provisions are made for issuing absentee ballots to residents of a nursing home, qualifying retirement homes and community-based residential facilities; or military electors who are away or not away.

- The deadline for indefinitely confined electors and military electors (not-away) to request an absentee ballot is the 4th day before the election.
- For a federal election, the deadline for military electors who are away from their residence due to active duty to request an absentee ballot is 5:00 p.m. on election day.

### EXTRA REMINDERS WHEN FILLING OUT YOUR BALLOT

#### Receiving Absentee Ballot Return Assistance

- If it is too close to the election to mail your completed ballot, and you are not able to deliver your ballot because of a disability, you have the right to have someone else deliver your completed ballot.
- Any voter who requires assistance with mailing or delivering their absentee ballot to the municipal clerk, or with any other part of the voting process, because of a disability must be permitted to receive such assistance. Voters are entitled to receive assistance from a person of the voter's choice, other than the voter's employer or agent of that employer or officer or agent of the voter's union.
- Disability Rights Wisconsin has guidance to help you understand your rights to receive help returning your absentee ballot.

**WHEN REPUBLICANS VOTE EARLY, WE WIN.**