



Timeline of Important Dates for Wisconsin's 2022 November Election

Voting by Mail

- [**Thursday, September 22**](#) - Municipal clerks must begin sending mail ballots to voters with an active request on file.
- [**Thursday, November 3**](#) - Deadline for regular and permanent overseas voters to request an absentee ballot. An application must be received by the appropriate municipal clerk by 5 pm.
- [**Friday, November 4**](#) - Deadline for indefinitely confined and non-active military voters to request an absentee ballot. Applications must be received by the appropriate municipal clerk by 5 pm.
- **Tuesday, November 8 - Election Day**
 - [**5 pm**](#) - Deadline for hospitalized voters to submit a voter registration form and an application for an absentee ballot through an agent.
 - [**5 pm**](#) - Deadline for active military to request an absentee ballot.
 - [**8 pm**](#) - All absentee ballots must be delivered to the polling location or, in certain municipalities, the central count location by 8 pm to be eligible for verifying and counting.

In-Person Voting (Early & Election Day)

- [**Wednesday, October 19**](#) - Voter registration deadline. All mail applications must be *postmarked* by this date.
- [**Tuesday, October 25**](#) - In-person early voting may begin in certain municipalities. Time and days for in-person absentee voting are set by the municipality.
- [**Friday, November 4**](#) - Deadline to register to vote in person at the municipal clerk's office or other designated location. Completed applications must be received by the appropriate municipal clerk by 5 p.m.
- [**Sunday, November 6**](#) - In-person absentee voting ends at municipal clerks' offices, if available. Time and days for in person absentee voting are set by the municipality.
- [**Tuesday, November 8 - Election Day**](#) - Eligible applicants may register to vote and cast a ballot at the appropriate polling location.
 - [**7 a.m.**](#) - Polling locations open.

- [8 p.m.](#) - Polling locations close. All voters still in line must be allowed to vote.

Counting, Canvassing, & Certification

- **Tuesday, November 8 - Election Day.**
 - [8 a.m.](#) - Polling locations may begin verifying absentee ballot certificates.
 - [After polls close](#) - Election inspectors can begin tabulating all ballots at the polling place or at the central count location. Counting continues until completed.
- [Monday, November 14](#) - Last day for all municipal canvasses to be complete. Municipal clerks must submit election materials, including ballots and election statements, to the appropriate county clerk by 4 pm.¹
- [Tuesday, November 22](#) - Last day for all county boards of canvassers to transmit a certified statement of the election results to the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC).
- [Friday, November 25](#) - County boards of canvassers may begin to issue certificates of election.²
- [Thursday, December 1](#) - Last day for the WEC chairperson to determine and certify the election results.

Recounts

- [Friday, November 25](#) - Last day for any “aggrieved party” to petition for a recount.³ The petition to request a recount must be filed by 5 pm on the third business day after the last meeting of the appropriate municipal or county board of canvasser to determine election results.
- [Monday, November 28](#) - Last day for a recount that will be conducted to begin. If a recount is called, the proper board of canvassers must meet by 9 am on this day to begin the recount.

¹ “Canvassing” is the process by which the appropriate authority checks the results from each voting location and ballot counting location for accuracy and makes a final determination of the election results. Generally, the canvass requires a sign-off or certification by members of the appropriate body as to the accuracy of the information presented on the presented election materials.

² “Certification” is the process by which winners in elections are officially declared following the completion of the canvass. For local races that can be determined following the county canvass, certification will occur after the county canvass. For federal, state, and multicounty races that must be determined by the state canvass, certification will generally occur immediately following the completion of the state canvass.

³ “Aggrieved party” is a candidate who trails the leading candidate within a certain threshold of votes cast.