



CONNECTICUT

HOW TO VOTE IN THE 2024 ELECTION

KEY DATES

Regular voter registration deadline
Friday, Oct. 18, but same-day registration is available during early voting and on Election Day

Deadline to submit absentee ballot
Tuesday, Nov. 5, by 8 p.m. (received by mail or at drop box). Or Nov. 4 if delivered to the town clerk's office.

Early voting
Monday, Oct. 21, through Sunday, Nov. 3

Election Day
Tuesday, Nov. 5.
Poll hours: 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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WHAT'S NEW

Under a constitutional amendment approved in 2022, Connecticut now offers early in-person voting. Voters will decide on Election Day on a constitutional amendment to allow no-excuse absentee balloting.

WHAT ELSE YOU NEED TO KNOW

How can I register to vote?

Online: Go to myvote.ct.gov, scroll to Registering to Vote in CT and select Register to Vote or Update Your Registration Online. The deadline is Friday, Oct. 18, at 11:59 p.m. You'll need a current Connecticut driver's license, learner's permit or photo ID issued by the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

By mail: At myvote.ct.gov, under Registering to Vote in CT, click on Voter Registration Paper Form to download one. Mail your completed, stamped application to your local registrar of voters, postmarked by Friday, Oct. 18.

In person: Visit your registrar of voters or town clerk by 8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 18. You can also register at the Department of Motor Vehicles through close of business that day.

Register and vote at the same time during early voting and at designated sites (not polling places) on Election Day. Check with your registrar for locations. Find registrars at myvote.ct.gov by scrolling to near the bottom to Local Officials Contact Information.

Check your registration status at myvote.ct.gov/lookup.

How can I get an absentee ballot?

Voters must have an approved reason, such as a disability, to be eligible for an absentee ballot. In 2022, Connecticut expanded eligibility to other categories, including caregivers of someone with an illness or disability. Find details at myvote.ct.gov/absentee.

Apply for an absentee ballot by going to myvote.ct.gov/absentee and scrolling down to print a form. Or request one online at myvote.ct.gov/getmyab, or by visiting your town clerk. You can locate town clerks at myvote.ct.gov/absentee at the bottom under Find Your Town Clerk.

If you have a disability, you may apply for a permanent absentee ballot by submitting a letter from your health care provider along with the application.

Applications must be received by Monday, Nov. 4, but election officials encourage you to leave enough time for your absentee ballot to be mailed to you.

How do I submit my absentee ballot?

Mail your completed ballot to your town clerk, or ask them for local drop box locations. It must be received (not just postmarked) by 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 5. You can also hand-deliver your ballot to your town clerk by the close of business on Monday, Nov. 4. Or an immediate family member (or your caregiver or other designee if you are ill or disabled) may deliver it to the clerk for you by 8 p.m. on Election Day. Track your ballot at myvote.ct.gov/lookup.

Can I vote in person before Election Day?

Yes, at early voting locations from Monday, Oct. 21, through Sunday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., including weekends. Extended hours will be offered from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, and Thursday, Oct. 31. For locations, ask a town clerk or go to myvote.ct.gov and click on Early Voting Information and Your Early Voting Location in the blue box.

What if I have a disability?

At myvote.ct.gov, scroll down to Important Resources for Voters and click Guidance for Voters of All Abilities.

What about military and overseas voters?

Go to myvote.ct.gov and select Absentee Ballot Information in the blue box, scroll to the bottom and click What If I Am In the Military or Currently Living Overseas?

Do I need ID to vote at the polls?

Voters must either show ID or sign an affidavit attesting to their identity.

First-time voters who registered by mail may need to show a photo ID or a document that includes their name and address, such as a utility bill. For details, go to myvote.ct.gov, then Voter ID Requirements in CT.

When is Election Day?

Tuesday, Nov. 5. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. For polling locations, visit myvote.ct.gov, then Registering to Vote in CT, and Where and How Do I Vote? Next click Voter Registration Lookup and Election Polling Place Locator. —*Natalie Missakian*

IMPORTANT: As of press time, election issues were still being contested in some states. Before voting, AARP strongly recommends confirming details at the Connecticut secretary of state's official site, **myvote.ct.gov**, or by scanning the code to the right. You can also call the secretary of state's office at 860-509-6200. More updates at **aarp.org/ctvotes**.

RACES TO WATCH

- **U.S. President**
- **U.S. Senate:** 1 of 2 seats
- **U.S. House:** All 5 seats
- **State Senate:** All 36 seats
- **State House:** All 151 seats

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