

## Regularly Scheduled Elections

### Spring Primary

Primary held on the third Tuesday in February to nominate non-partisan candidates to be voted for at the Spring Election. *State Statute 5.02(22)*

### Spring Election

Election held on the first Tuesday in April to elect judicial, educational, and municipal officers, and non-partisan county officers, and to express preferences for the person to be the presidential candidate for each party in presidential election years. *State Statute 5.02(21)*

### Fall Primary

Primary held in even-numbered years on the second Tuesday in August, to nominate candidates to be voted for at the General Election, and to determine which candidates for state offices other than district attorney may participate in the Wisconsin election campaign fund. *State Statute 5.02(18)*

### General Election

Election held in even-numbered years on the Tuesday after the first Monday in November to elect United States senators, representatives in congress, presidential electors, state senators, representatives to the assembly, district attorneys, state officers other than the state superintendent and judicial officers, and county officers other than supervisors and county executives. *State Statute 5.02(5)*

## Madison City Clerk's Office

*We exist to assist.*

[voting@cityofmadison.com](mailto:voting@cityofmadison.com)

608-266-4601

210 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd #103  
Madison, WI 53703

Hours:

8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

[www.cityofmadison.com/election](http://www.cityofmadison.com/election)

## Voter Public Access

<https://vpa.wi.gov>

# Voting in the City of Madison



Our goal is for all eligible voters to be able to cast a ballot and have that ballot counted.

## Voter Registration

As a City of Madison resident, you can register to vote at any Madison Public Library until 20 days before each election. No proof of residence is necessary during this “open registration” period. You must meet the following requirements to be eligible to vote:

- United States citizen
- Age 18 or older by Election Day
- Resident of the City of Madison for at least 28 days before an election
- If convicted of a felony, have completed terms of sentence including probation/parole.

Within 20 days of an election, the only place you can register to vote is in the City Clerk’s Office with proof of residence. You cannot register to vote the Saturday, Sunday, or Monday before the election. On Election Day you can register to vote at your polling place with proof of residence.

## When registering on Election Day or within 20 days of an election, you

need to present one of the following documents to prove your address:

- WI driver’s license or state ID card
- Utility bill: water, electric, cable, phone, or cell phone
- Bank statement
- Property tax bill or receipt
- Government check/document
- Paycheck
- UW-Madison or Edgewood College ID, if on certified housing list.

## Voting Absentee

Absentee ballots are kept sealed and secure in the Clerk’s Office vault until they are delivered to the polls to be counted on Election Day.

You may vote absentee in the Clerk’s Office with photo ID the two weeks before an election until the office closes the Friday before the election.

To receive an absentee ballot by mail or e-mail, submit a written request containing:

- Your name
- Address where registered to vote
- Where ballot should be sent
- Your original signature
- As of 2012, a photocopy of your Wisconsin photo ID or passport.

## Make Your Absentee Vote Count!

- ✓ Return your ballot early enough that it reaches the Clerk by Election Day.
- ✓ Sign the certificate envelope.
- ✓ Have a witness sign the envelope.

## Voter Public Access

Visit <https://vpa.wi.gov> to:

- Verify your voter registration
- Look up your polling location
- View your sample ballot
- Check your absentee ballot status
- Look up your elected officials
- View your voting history.

**Wisconsin ID cards are available for “free.” Contact the Clerk’s Office at [voting@cityofmadison.com](mailto:voting@cityofmadison.com) or 608-266-4601 for more information.**

## Election Day

Polls open at **7 a.m.** and close at **8 p.m.** Everyone in line at 8 p.m. gets to vote.

Election Officials take an oath to keep our elections are fair and transparent.

Beginning in 2012, you cannot receive a ballot until you show one of the following forms of photo ID:

- Wisconsin driver’s license expiring after 11/2/10
- Wisconsin DOT-issued photo ID card expiring after 11/2/10
- U.S. Passport expiring after 11/2/10
- Military ID card expiring after 11/2/10
- Certificate of naturalization issued within last 2 years
- Unexpired Wisconsin driver’s license or DOT-issued photo ID receipt
- ID card issued by a federally recognized Indian tribe in Wisconsin
- Unexpired ID card issued by a Wisconsin accredited university or college with issuance date, student signature, and expiration date within 2 years of issuance.

Voters must sign or make their mark on the poll book. Voters who are unable to sign the poll book because of a disability are exempt from this requirement.

To vote, complete the broken arrow pointing to the candidate of your choice. Broken ← — Completed ←

Insert your ballot in the tabulator. The election equipment is tested before each election to ensure that the tabulator will correctly count your votes.