

GENERAL ELECTION FACTS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2020

As a citizen of the United States of America you have the right to take part in the political process. Voting is a powerful way to influence your own future as well as the future of your children and loved ones who can't speak for themselves. **Be a voter!**

You are eligible to vote if you are:

1. A US Citizen
2. At least 18 or turning 18 by the General Election day (November 3)
3. An Ex-Felon 2 years following completion of the entire sentence including probation/parole and post release supervision (misdemeanors or time in jail do not make citizens ineligible to vote).

Voter Registration	
10-16-20	Deadline for voter registration by mail, online, at a state agency, library, DMV office, or deputy registrar event. Register online if you have a state ID or NE driver's license at register.rockthevote.com/?partner=38422&source=lwvgo Or go to NReg2 vote to print out a paper form to send to your county election office
10-23-20	6 pm is final walk-in deadline for voter registration at Election office only
Voting during General Election	
You can vote in 1 of 3 ways:	Become an Educated Voter!
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Early by mail 2. Early in person at Election Commission Office 3. At polls on Election Day (Nov. 3) 	A few weeks before the election, you can access the LWV's non-partisan voters' guide with sample ballot, candidate information and answers to key questions at www.vote411.org OR an all Douglas County Candidates guide at omahalwv.org
Early voting by mail	
7-6-20 to 10-23-20*	Douglas and Sarpy County will be sending out an early vote by mail postcard application to every registered voter. Another option (even simpler) use a plain piece of paper: write date of election, print your name, date of birth, address, phone number or email, and your signature . Take photo of application or plain form & email or text to: earlyvoting@votedouglascounty.com or email or text to: earlyvote@Sarpy.com
9-28-20	First day ballots mailed (35 days prior to the election) last day ballots mailed 10-23-20
10-5-20 to 11-2-20	Walk-in early voting in <u>Douglas County Election Office</u> : 8:30 to 5 Monday-Friday, Extra hours Sat. 10-31-20, 9 am-1 pm Walk in early voting in <u>Sarpy County Election Office</u> : 8:00 am to 5 pm Monday-Friday Extended hours the last 2 weeks on Tues & Thursday, 8am-7pm. Saturday Oct.24 & 31- 9 am-2 pm
November 3	Polls open from 8am to 8pm. For locations, go to vote411.org or your Election Office

Q and A on Voting in Douglas & Sarpy Counties

1. Can I vote in person early?

Yes, you can vote at your county's Election Commission office during their business hours 30 days prior to the election but not on Election Day. On Election Day, you must vote at your polling place.

2. How do I request an early voting ballot by mail for the Nov. 3 election?

Douglas and Sarpy County will be sending out early voting by mail postcard applications to every registered voter. Another option (even simpler) use a plain piece of paper: write date of election, print your name, date of birth, address, phone number or email, and your signature. Take photo of application or plain form & email or text to: earlyvoting@votedouglascounty.com If Sarpy County email or text to: earlyvote@Sarpy.com

3. When will I receive the ballot if I applied to vote early by mail?

The ballot will be mailed to you no more than 35 days prior to the election. Fill out your ballot and **sign the back of the return envelope**. Your ballot must be returned by 8 pm on Election Day. To be safe, mail it at least 5 days before Election Day with postage stamp(s) or deliver to an election drop box within your county. Only 1 ballot per envelope.

4. On Election Day how do I find my polling place?

Your polling place will be open on Election Day between 8am and 8pm. If you do not know where this is, go online to www.vote411.org or www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov or call your Election Commission. If you received a ballot by mail you cannot go to your polling place and vote.

5. What if I am registered at my parents address, but I am away at college?

If you are registered at your parent's home, you may request an early ballot to vote by mail in your NE county from your college address. See #2 on how to apply to vote early by mail. Or you can register to vote at your college address and vote in that county.

6. What if I live in a shelter and want to vote?

You can register to vote at the address of the shelter at this website: register.rockthevote.com/?partner=38422&source=lwvgo (NE driver's license or state ID required). You can vote at a polling place on election day or follow directions for early voting (#2)

7. What if I am homeless and have no address?

You can register and use your Election Commission as your address. You can vote in one of the 3 same ways outlined above. (#1 & 2)

8. What if I am in a County Jail and want to vote?

Register to vote with the address of the jail at this website: www.vote411.org. Besides registering, request an early vote by mail ballot so your ballot can be mailed to the jail or the address you will be at on Nov. 3, 2020. Misdemeanors or time in jail do not make citizens ineligible to vote. A convicted ex-felon can vote 2 years after completion of the entire sentence including probation/parole and post release supervision.

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