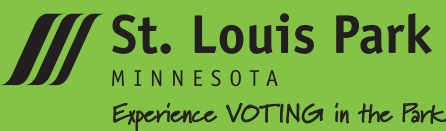


Election Guide

Election Day is Nov. 4, polls open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.



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¿Necesita materiales y formularios de votación en español?
www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/spanish

Нужны материалы и бланки для голосования на русском?
www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/russian

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How to register to vote

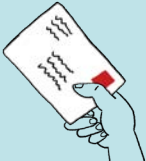
Registering to vote requires some planning ahead. If you’re already registered, go to the next page. If not, follow the steps below. You have three options.

Registering by Oct. 14

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or



To register **online**, go to mnvotes.gov/register.
Follow all instructions and complete by Oct. 14.

To register **by mail**, download the form at mnvotes.gov/register.
By Oct. 14, return completed form to St. Louis Park City Hall or mail to:
*Hennepin County Elections
300 South Sixth St. MC 680
Minneapolis, MN 55487*

Registering Oct. 15 – Nov. 4

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If you haven’t registered by Oct. 14, you can register the same day you vote (whether you vote on or before Election Day) by showing proof of where you live to an election worker. Details provided on the next page.

We encourage you to register before Oct. 14 if possible.

Voting options on next page!

Who can register to vote?

- To be eligible to vote, you must be:
- At least 18 years old on Election Day
 - A U.S. citizen
 - A resident of Minnesota for 20 days
 - Not currently incarcerated for a felony

Am I registered to vote?

Check your registration status at www.stlouisparkmn.gov/vote or call 952.924.2503. The earlier you check, the more options you have to register, if needed.

What if I’m here for college?

Paying out-of-state tuition or having a driver’s license from another state doesn’t necessarily mean you can’t vote in Minnesota. Register to vote from the address you currently consider home. For many students, this is likely a school address or a parent’s house.

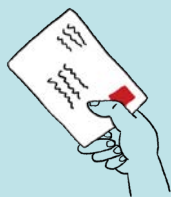
What about homelessness?

If you’re experiencing homelessness, your current residence is the place where you sleep. If you sleep in a shelter, at a friend’s house or outside somewhere, that is your voting residence. A registered voter from your precinct can go with you to the polling place to sign an oath confirming where you live.

In St. Louis Park, we vote. This fall, you have the opportunity to vote in our local municipal elections for ward council members and school board offices. Our goal is to ensure that you have all the information necessary to be a voter in St. Louis Park.

Make a plan to vote! You have three

Voting from Sept. 19 to Nov. 3



To vote **by mail**, you must first apply for an absentee⁽¹⁾ ballot.



Apply online at www.mnvotes.gov/absentee to request a ballot.

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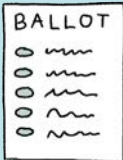
Call us to request an application at 952.924.2503 during office hours, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.



Apply as early as possible! It takes time to process your request and mail the ballot to you.



Vote using the absentee ballot mailed to you.



Make sure both you and your witness⁽²⁾ sign the signature envelope in the space provided.



Mail the completed ballot in the provided envelope to:

*Hennepin County Elections
300 South Sixth St. MC 680
Minneapolis, MN 55487*

or

Drop off your completed ballot in the designated box outside city hall or at the third floor service desk:

*5005 Minnetonka Blvd.
St. Louis Park, MN 55416*

Either way, your completed ballot must be received by 5 p.m., Nov. 4.
Mail it back as early as you can!



or



To vote **in person** before Election Day, visit city hall between Sept. 19 and Nov. 3, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday:

*5005 Minnetonka Blvd.
St. Louis Park, MN 55416*

City hall will **also be open** for in-person voting (special hours):

Saturday, Nov. 1 (9 a.m. – 3 p.m.)

Monday, Nov. 3 (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.)



Minnetonka Boulevard roadwork may delay traffic near city hall. Approach from the south and follow posted detours.

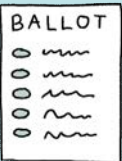
Complete an absentee⁽¹⁾ ballot application provided at city hall. You don't need to apply for an absentee ballot beforehand.



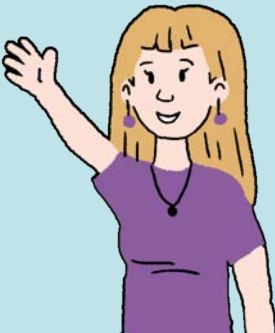
If you are not registered to vote or unsure if you are registered, bring proof of residency⁽³⁾ to city hall.



Vote on the absentee ballot provided at city hall.



Follow instructions from election workers to submit your ballot.



Congratulations! You voted!

⁽¹⁾ What's an absentee?

This is an election term that refers to anyone who wants to vote before Nov. 4 either by mail or in person.

⁽²⁾ What's a witness for?

The witness confirms that you filled out the ballot. They can be either a U.S. citizen at least 18 years old on Election Day or a notary. Your witness must sign the signature envelope and list their address. Notaries should write their name and title, sign the signature envelope and affix their notary stamp.

⁽³⁾ What are accepted forms for proof of residency?

Show your proof of residency one of seven ways:

- 1 Valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or ID, or receipt for any of these; or tribal ID with name, address, photo and signature
- 2 A valid or expired: U.S. military or veteran ID, U.S. passport, Minnesota college ID, driver's license or learner's permit issued by any state, or a Minnesota high school ID

AND

A residential lease or rental agreement valid through Nov. 4 or a document with current name and address due or dated after Oct. 4 (bills for utilities, banking, student fees, rent or mortgage)

- 3 College student ID that matches a student housing list on file
- 4 Notice of late registration
- 5 Valid registration in the same precinct
- 6 Staff person in your residential facility who can vouch for you in person
- 7 Registered voter who can confirm your address and vouch for you in person

e voting options:

Voting on Election Day, Nov. 4

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To vote **in person** on Election Day, visit your designated polling place⁽⁴⁾ between 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., Nov. 4.



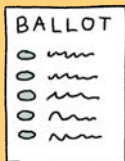
You can't vote at a location other than your designated polling place. Be sure you know where to go.⁽⁴⁾



If you are not registered to vote or unsure if you are registered, bring proof of residency⁽³⁾ with you.



Vote on the ballot provided at your polling place.



Follow instructions from election workers to submit your ballot.



We're here to help!



Frequently asked questions

Who's on my ballot?

We understand you might be interested in learning more about the candidates on the ballot. In an effort to remain neutral, the city doesn't advertise for or provide background on candidates or political platforms. However, the sample ballot provided in this guide is specific to your precinct and includes all the information that will be on your official ballot when you vote.

Can someone else deliver my absentee ballot?

In special situations, you may ask someone to pick up and return an absentee ballot for you. This is called agent delivery. It's reserved for people who are physically unable to go to the polling place due to incapacitating health reasons, disability, group home or treatment center restrictions, or bodily threat. The agent must have a preexisting relationship with the voter and can't be a candidate or act as an agent for more than three voters per election. Agent delivery is only available beginning seven days before Election Day.

Can I bring a translator to my polling place?

Yes. You can bring a trusted friend or family member to help you mark your ballot. In most cases, election workers can also provide you with a translator over the phone.

I voted absentee. Can I change my vote?

You can ask to cancel your ballot until 5 p.m., Oct. 16. After that time, you can't cancel your ballot. To cancel your ballot, contact the election office that sent your ballot. Your options are to have a new ballot mailed to you, vote early in person at city hall or vote at your polling place on Election Day, Nov. 4.

Are yard signs regulated?

Yard signs are regulated by city, state and federal laws, including the First Amendment. Yard signs pertaining to a candidate or a question on the ballot can't be restricted in size and number beginning 46 days before and up to 10 days after an election. Yard signs can't be posted on publicly owned land, traffic islands, street signs, traffic signals, fire hydrants and utility poles. They may remain posted at all other times if they meet city, state and federal requirements.

Can I recycle my yard sign?

Want to recycle your yard sign after the election? Check with the candidate or campaign committee to see if they want to pick up the sign for future use. You can also use the city's recycling service, Nov. 5 – 14, 2025. For details and drop-off sites, call 952.924.2503 or visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/vote.

For questions about ranked-choice voting, flip to the next page.

More Questions?



952.924.2503



elections@stlouisparkmn.gov



www.stlouisparkmn.gov/vote



St. Louis Park City Hall
3rd floor, Office of City Clerk
5005 Minnetonka Blvd.
St. Louis Park, MN 55416

⁽⁴⁾ What is a polling place? How do I find mine?

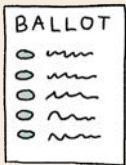
This is an election term that refers to a place where people may officially vote on Election Day, Nov. 4. Voters are assigned to polling places based on where they live. There are rules and regulations about polling places to ensure they are safe and accessible.

Make sure to verify your polling place before you go to vote on Nov. 4. Visit mnvotes.gov/pollfinder, call 952.924.2503 or scan the QR code below to find your polling place. Your polling place is also included on a postcard mailed to you after you register to vote.



NOTE: Some voters may have city hall as their designated polling place, but ONLY those voters can vote at city hall on Nov. 4.

Understanding ranked-choice voting



What does ranked-choice voting mean?

The City of St. Louis Park uses ranked-choice voting to elect city offices. Ranked-choice voting (RCV) is a voting method that allows you to rank multiple candidates for the same office in order of preference. Simply put, you have the chance to say, “If my first-choice candidate is not elected, this is my second choice (or third choice) for who I would like to see elected.”

Am I required to rank choices on my ballot?

No. Ranking is not required. How you choose to mark your ballot is up to you. Look at the examples below to learn more.

How is a ranked-choice race counted?

After the polls have closed on election night, all first-choice votes are reported to the public, similar to what happens in all other elections. Ranked-choice races need to be tabulated the next day to determine a winner. Results are posted to the city’s website the day after the election, after the tabulation process is complete.

In the first round of tabulation, all first-choice votes are counted. If a candidate has received 50% plus one of the total votes cast for that office, that candidate is declared the winner. If no winner can be declared after the first round, the candidate with the fewest votes is eliminated. Votes for the candidate who was eliminated are transferred to the next highest choice on those ballots. All votes for remaining candidates are counted again. This process is repeated until a candidate receives 50% plus one of the total votes cast for that office, *or* only two candidates remain. The candidate with the most votes wins.

Where can I find more information?

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/vote or call 952.924.2503.

How do I fill in the ballot? Can you show me some examples?

1st choice2nd choice3rd choice

☐	A	☒	A	☐	A
☒	B	☐	B	☐	B
☐	C	☐	C	☐	C
☐	D	☐	D	☒	D

✓

Vote from left to right and mark only one option in each column.

In this example, my 1st choice is B, my 2nd choice is A and my 3rd choice is D.

1st choice2nd choice3rd choice

☐	A	☐	A	☐	A
☒	B	☐	B	☐	B
☐	C	☐	C	☐	C
☐	D	☐	D	☐	D

✓

Ranking is not required. Vote for as many or as few candidates as you prefer.

In this example, my 1st choice is B, and it’s OK to leave the others blank.

1st choice2nd choice3rd choice

☐	A	☒	A	☐	A
☒	B	☐	B	☐	B
☐	C	☐	C	☐	C
☐	D	☐	D	☐	D

✓

In this example, I really want option B, but if that doesn’t win, I want my vote to go to option A.

It’s OK to make 1st and 2nd choices and leave 3rd blank.

1st choice2nd choice3rd choice

☐	A	☒	A	☐	A
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☐	C	☒	C	☐	C
☐	D	☐	D	☐	D

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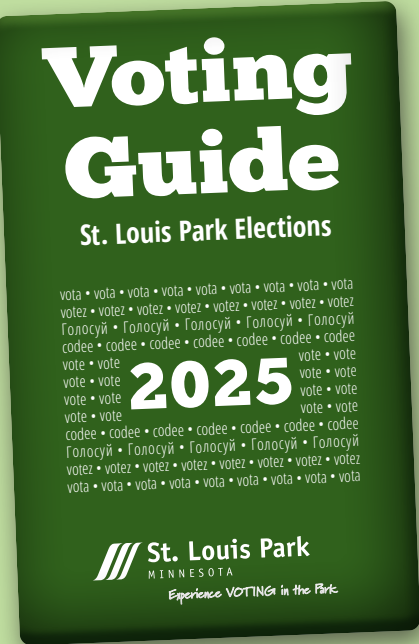
In this example, if my 1st choice is eliminated, no second choice will be counted because I marked both A and C in the 2nd choice column.

Ways to plan ahead

Check out the city’s pocket voting guide

Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/vote to access the digital voting guide. You can download the guide for quick reference on key election information. It’s designed to offer the most important election information in a quick and accessible format.

A limited number of printed guides are available at city facilities. You can request a mailed copy by calling the elections line at 952.924.2503.



Some of our favorite features of this guide include ways to participate in elections, your rights as a voter, detailed lists of documents that may be used to register to vote and much more. Share the guide with neighbors or friends to spread the word about voting!

Read this guide and ask questions

Review the information in this election guide and don’t wait to ask questions. The earlier you can identify potential obstacles to voting, the more likely you are to find solutions. Voting is easier if you plan ahead.

View a sample ballot

Review the sample ballot included in this guide. It is specific to your precinct and contains all the candidates and races that will be on your official ballot. Use it to help you research the candidates and plan who you will vote for when you participate. You can also view a sample ballot at city hall, or visit myballotmn.sos.mn.gov to find an online sample ballot.



Did my vote count?

If you worry that your absentee ballot didn’t get counted, you can track your ballot on the Minnesota Secretary of State’s website at mnvotes.gov/myballot.

Once your absentee vote is processed, election officials will update the website with the confirmation.

NOTE: This only works if you use the ID number and exact spelling of your name as it appeared on your absentee ballot application and signature envelope.



Staying informed

To talk to someone in person, visit city hall at 5005 Minnetonka Blvd., during business hours, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Can’t make it out? Call the elections number during business hours at 952.924.2503 or try one of our many online resources.

For city events, activities, schedules and news updates, visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov, sign up for text and email notifications through govDelivery, or follow us on social media.

✉ govDelivery www.stlouisparkmn.gov/sign-up

