

Voting Guide

St. Louis Park Elections

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Welcome

In St. Louis Park, we vote.

In 2026, we will hold a state primary and state general election for offices like governor and state representatives. Each year, our goal is to ensure that you have the information necessary to be a voter in St. Louis Park.

In this election guide, you will find resources to help you decide when, where and how to vote. If you have questions about your voting experience, contact us using the information on the back cover of this guide. Thank you for being an engaged voter!

To be eligible to vote, you must be:

- 18 years of age or older on the day you vote
- A United States citizen
- A resident of Minnesota for at least 20 days
- Not currently incarcerated for a felony sentence
- Not under court order that revokes your right to vote

Information contained herein is subject to change. Voters are strongly encouraged to verify details before voting.

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Voting rights

You can't be denied the right to vote if you are legally qualified to do so.

You have the right to:

- Vote if you are registered at your current residential address.
- Vote if you are in line by 8 p.m. on Election Day.
- Register on Election Day if you have proof of residence accepted under state law.
- Have time off work to vote without losing your pay, personal leave or vacation time.
- Ask an election official for help.
- Be shown how to mark and cast your ballot.
- Ask for a new ballot if you made an error before you cast it.
- Use the assistive device at your polling place to mark your ballot.
- Bring your child to the polling place with you.
- Vote without being influenced.

Accessible voting

Before Election Day

A person may vote before Election Day for any reason with an absentee ballot either by mail or in person at city hall. Go to www.stlouisparkmn.gov/vote to learn more or to request your absentee ballot.

One week before Election Day

Certain voters are eligible to designate an agent to bring a ballot to them and to return it once they have completed it. Contact the city elections office using the information on the back of this guide to learn more.

When you vote in person

- Translated materials are available in Spanish, Hmong and Somali. Additional languages may be provided based on the most commonly spoken languages in the precinct.
- Accessible voting systems are available at each polling place and may be used to mark a ballot. Ask an election worker for more details.
- Curbside voting is available for those who are unable to enter the polling place. When you arrive, call elections staff at 952.924.2503 to request this service.

Election dates

There are two elections in 2026.

Polling places are open on Election Day from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

You can vote before Election Day at St. Louis Park City Hall from 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

Primary election — Aug. 11, 2026

- Vote before Election Day: June 26 – Aug. 10, 2026
- Last day to preregister: July 21, 2026
- Special hours for early voting:
 - Saturday, Aug. 8 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Monday, Aug. 10 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

General election — Nov. 3, 2026

- Vote before Election Day: Sept. 18 – Nov. 2, 2026
- Last day to preregister: Oct. 13, 2026
- Special hours for early voting:
 - Saturday, Oct. 24 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Tuesday, Oct. 27 from 8 a.m. – 7 p.m.
 - Saturday, Oct. 31 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Sunday, Nov. 1 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
 - Monday, Nov. 2 from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

To vote **before** Election Day, you must either vote by mail or in person at city hall.

To vote **on** Election Day, you must vote at your assigned polling place. You may not vote at city hall on Election Day unless it is your assigned polling place.

Voting before Election Day

When you vote before Election Day, you may vote in person at city hall or by mail. If you are not registered, you may register when you vote if you are eligible and have proof of residence accepted under state law. See pages 10 – 11 for more information.

Voting by mail

Apply for a ballot online at www.mnvotes.gov or by completing and returning a paper application during the early voting period. When you receive your ballot, be sure to follow the instructions carefully. This will help ensure your ballot meets the requirements to be counted.

Voting in person at city hall

Check-in when you arrive at city hall. Election workers will review your information and issue you a ballot to vote on-site. Don't bring any ballot materials that may have been mailed to you previously; a new ballot will be issued on-site.

Voting on Election Day

When you vote on Election Day, you must go to your assigned polling place, based on where you live. You may register to vote at your polling place if needed.

- **Primary Election Day is Aug. 11, 2026.**
- **General Election Day is Nov. 3, 2026.**

Polling places are open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.

Find your polling place:

- Online at www.stlouisparkmn.gov/vote
- By calling the election line at 952.924.2503
- By scanning the QR code on page 12

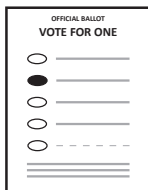
Follow directional signs at your polling place to locate the designated voter entrance. When you arrive, an election worker will greet you at the voting room entrance. Please follow their instructions carefully

Note: If you move, your polling place may change. You must vote in the precinct you live in on Election Day. Be sure to update your registration each time you move or change your name.

How to mark a ballot

To vote on a paper ballot

Read and follow the instructions on your ballot. For all races on the ballot, completely fill in the oval(s) next to your choice(s). Ask an election worker if you have questions about how to mark your ballot.



To vote on the assistive device



1. All races on your ballot will appear on the screen. Use your hands or other input device to mark your choices. Be sure to review your choices before you print your ballot.
2. When you are finished, the device will print your ballot with your choices. Insert your marked ballot into the ballot counter.

Voter registration

You do not need an ID to vote. However, you may need proof of residence to register to vote if you are not registered at your current address or if your name has changed. To register on the same day you vote, bring a valid proof of residence from section A, B or C below. To update your voter registration online, visit the Minnesota Secretary of State's website, www.mnvotes.gov, at least 21 days before Election Day.

A. ID with current name and address

- Valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or ID; or a receipt for any of these
- Tribal ID with name, address, photo and signature

B. Registered voter who can confirm your address

A registered voter from your precinct can go with you to the polling place to sign an oath confirming your address, known as "vouching." A registered voter can vouch for up to eight voters. You can't vouch for others if someone vouched for you.

Voter registration

C. Photo ID *and* a document with current name and address; the ID can be expired.

Approved photo IDs (choose one)

- Driver's license, state ID or learner's permit issued by any state
- U.S. passport
- U.S. military or Veteran ID card
- Tribal ID with name, signature and photo
- Minnesota university, college or technical college ID
- Minnesota high school ID

Approved documents (choose one)

- Bill, account or start-of-service statement due or dated within 30 days of the election for:
 - Phone, TV, internet
 - Solid waste, sewer, electric, gas, water
 - Banking or credit card
 - Rent or mortgage
- Residential lease or rent agreement valid through Election Day
- Current student fee statement

Where is my polling place?

Polling places may change. Always verify your polling place before you go to vote.

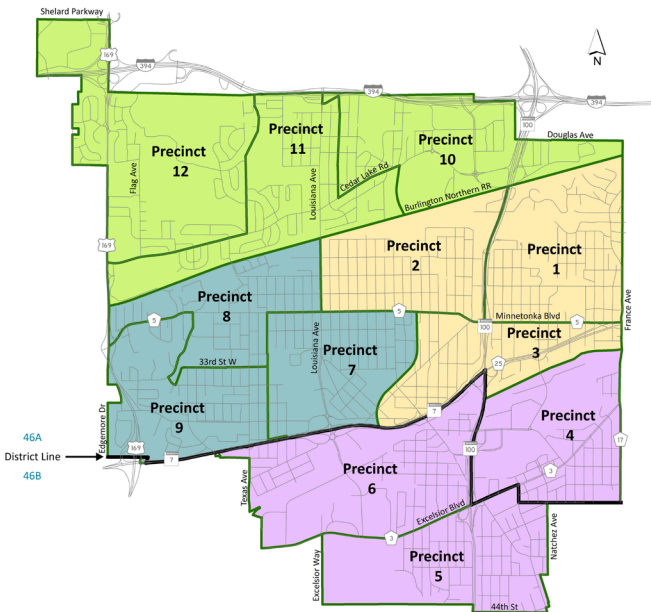
Find your polling place before you vote by:

- Calling 952.924.2503
- Visiting **pollfinder.sos.mn.gov**
- Scanning the QR code below



My polling place is:

Ward and precinct map



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46A (north) / 46B (south) district line



Precincts



Ward 1



Ward 2



Ward 3



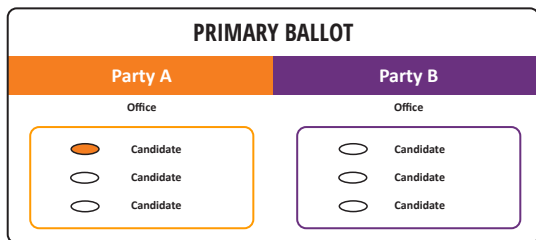
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Primary election: Aug. 11

In August, your vote will determine who will be on the ballot in the November general election.

For example, three candidates from one political party might run for the same office. Only one candidate can be on the ballot in November. The winner of the August primary election represents their party in the November general election.

One side of your primary ballot will contain races for all state and federal offices. These candidates represent a major political party.



Partisan candidates will be listed in multiple columns on the ballot. Each column will list the candidates for one major party. For partisan offices, you can only vote for candidates of one political party (vote in one column) or your votes for these races will not count.

General election: Nov. 3

In November, you will vote for federal, state and county offices. You are eligible to vote in every race on the ballot; you may vote for any candidate, in any party, on your ballot. Read the instructions on your ballot carefully.

We encourage you to plan ahead and make sure you are prepared to vote. This includes making sure you are registered to vote, knowing when and where you can vote, and viewing an example ballot. Election workers will be prepared to help you whenever you choose to vote.

Remember, campaigning is not allowed within 100 feet of a polling place or anywhere on public property. This includes wearing clothing that promotes a candidate on the ballot.

Five steps to voting on Election Day:

- 1 Check in.
- 2 View an example ballot.
- 3 Pick up and complete your ballot.
- 4 Place your ballot into the ballot counter.
- 5 Have questions? Ask an election worker.

Get involved

There are several ways for you to get involved with elections in St. Louis Park. Here are a few options:

- Become an election worker or trainee election worker (people who are 16 or 17 years old).
- Talk with a friend or neighbor about voting (use this guide!).
- Hold an event in your neighborhood.
- Hold a voter registration drive.
- Help a voter witness a vote by mail ballot.
- Help us spread the word by sharing an elections related social media post from an official government source (follow **@stlouispark** on Facebook and Instagram).
- Educate neighbors on upcoming election dates or rules.
- Invite the elections team to speak with or visit your group. Please contact us to discuss opportunities and availability.



Scan the QR code to apply to be an election worker or trainee election worker.

Special circumstances

How to register if you are:

- **A college student**

College students should register to vote from the address they currently consider home. For many students, this is likely a school address or the house of an adult who cares for them.

- **Homeless**

If you are experiencing homelessness, you can register to vote using the location where you sleep as your address. You will need to go to the polling place with someone who is registered to vote in your precinct and who can confirm where you are living.

- **In the military or living abroad**

If you are currently serving in the military or are a citizen living abroad temporarily or indefinitely, you can have an absentee ballot sent to you wherever you are. Your ballot application also serves as a voter registration application.

- **Moving on or close to Election Day**

To vote in Minnesota, you must live in the state for at least 20 days before Election Day. If you are moving within the state near Election Day, you must register to vote from the address you currently consider home.

Frequently asked questions

Can I view an example ballot?

Yes. Example ballots are available 46 days before each election. You can view an example ballot online at **myballotmn.sos.mn.gov**, or in person at city hall during business hours. You can also request a copy by calling elections staff at 952.924.2503.

I am not registered to vote. Can I still vote before Election Day?

Yes. After applying for an absentee ballot, you will be provided with the necessary registration materials. You will still be required to provide proof of residence; see pages 10 – 11 for details.

I voted before Election Day but want to change my vote. Can I do that?

Yes. You may change your vote if it is prior to the deadline in state law. Call 952.924.2503 for more information.

If I vote before Election Day, how do I know if my ballot has been counted?

If you vote before Election Day, either in person or by mail, you may track the status of your ballot at **mnvotes.sos.mn.gov/abstatus/index**. You can also contact elections staff at city hall to check on the status of your ballot.

Frequently asked questions

English is not my first language. Can I bring a translator to the 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.

Can I place my absentee ballot directly into a ballot counter at city hall?

All eligible St. Louis Park voters are able to vote early in person by placing the ballot that is issued to them on-site directly into a ballot counter. This is called direct balloting. Votes are counted immediately, and results are reported after the polls close on Election Day. This service is available at city hall beginning 18 days before Election Day. Visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/vote for more information.

If I requested an absentee ballot by mail but didn't return it, can I vote on Election Day?

Yes. If you did not vote before Election Day, you can vote at your assigned polling place. Don't bring your absentee ballot to the polling place; you will be given a new ballot after checking in.

For more information, call 952.924.2503 or visit www.stlouisparkmn.gov/vote.

Polling place rules

State law governs activity at and near polling places. These rules apply if you vote on Election Day at your designated polling place or before Election Day at city hall. For more information, see Minnesota Statutes 204C.06.

Do not enter a polling place unless you are authorized.

Only authorized people are allowed inside a polling place during voting hours, such as voters and their minor children, election workers, and someone assisting a voter. People may not gather or linger in the polling place, within 100 feet of the building, or anywhere on public property.

Do not campaign in or near the polling place.

You have the right to vote without anyone in the polling place trying to influence your vote.

On Election Day, no one can campaign inside the polling place or within 100 feet of the building. If the polling place is on public property, no one can campaign anywhere on the property, even beyond 100 feet. The prohibition of signs and campaign materials within 100 feet does not apply to adjacent private property.

Do not wear campaign materials.

In the polling place on Election Day, you cannot display campaign t-shirts, buttons or literature which relate to specific candidates, official political parties, or ballot questions on the ballot that day. You will need to either cover or remove these items while in the polling place.

Polling place rules

Do not initial or sign your ballot, or mark it with a sticker. Voters may not place pre-printed stickers on their ballot in the write-in space (M.R. 8230.1450).

Taking photos is discouraged.

There is no law that strictly prohibits taking photos or videos in the polling place to record your own voting experience. However, the Office of the Minnesota Secretary of State discourages this activity for the following reasons:

- Voters have a right to privacy, both as to how an individual has voted as well as whether or not an individual has voted. Either or both of these could be compromised by pictures or video. In addition, other voters' objections to being photographed could lead to disruptions within the polling place.
- When voter turnout is high there may be lines and polling places may be crowded. Voters have a right to take the time they need to vote, but should not take extra time to take pictures while marking their ballot.
- Several state laws (M.S. 204C.17 and 204C.18) prohibit voters from showing their marked ballot to others. Taking photographs or video of your own marked ballot could violate this prohibition.

Yard signs

1. Yard signs are regulated by city code and state and federal laws, including the first amendment.
2. Yard signs pertaining to a candidate or question on the ballot cannot be restricted in size and number beginning 46 days before an election and up to 10 days after an election.
3. Yard signs may remain posted at all other times if they meet city, state and federal requirements.
4. Yard signs may not be posted at any time on publicly owned land, traffic islands, street signs, street signals, fire hydrants or on utility poles. Signs should not block or restrict sight lines on roadways or at intersections.
5. Yard signs may be kept for future use; contact the campaign that distributed the sign to see if they are collecting signs after the election.
6. Yard signs may be dropped off for recycling, depending on the material. Call 952.924.2503 for more informaton.

YARD SIGNS CAN'T BE POSTED ON:



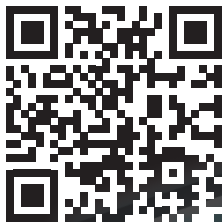
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