Hennepin County Elections Newsletter Toolkit

2026

This document contains newsletter content highlighting Hennepin County elections. Feel free to share this information with your community. The content is organized by topic. See election timeline below to ensure timely distribution of messages.

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2026 Election Timeline

Midterm General Election

- September 18: Absentee voting begins for the general election
- October 13: General election deadline to pre-register to vote
- November 2: In-person absentee voting closes at 5 p.m.
- November 3: General Election Day (polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Voting absentee

Absentee voting begins September 18

Absentee voting begins September 18, leading up to the general election on November 3. Make sure you're prepared!

Vote by mail

Fill out your ballot from the comfort of your home with an absentee ballot by mail.

Complete an absentee ballot application (PDF) or fill out the online application.

Return your completed application by:
- Mail – Hennepin County Elections, Government Center, 300 6th St S MC-680, Minneapolis, MN 55487
- Email – hc.vote@hennepin.us
- Fax – 612-348-2151

Vote in person

Vote early in person at your local elections office (check with your city clerk for location and hours), or at:
- Minneapolis Early Vote Center (Minneapolis residents only)
- Hennepin County Government Center (300 – 6th Street South, Minneapolis, MN 55487)

Register to vote

September 15 is National Voter Registration Day

Are you registered to vote? Now is a great time to do so if you plan to cast a ballot in the 2026 midterm election.

Registering to vote is easy

Minnesota makes it easy to check your voter registration status, register to vote, and update your registration at https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote.

Already registered? It's still a good idea to confirm your registration is correct and up to date. You will need to update your registration if you've moved or changed your name since the last time you voted. Pre-registration for the November 2026 election ends on October 13. If you plan to vote but miss this deadline, you can register at your polling place on Election Day by showing proof of residence. Find out what you need to register on Election Day at https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/.

Have questions?

Contact hennepin.us/elections or find out what's on your ballot ahead of time.

Pre-register to vote for the 2026 election by October 13

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Now is also a good time to check with friends and family to make sure they're registered.

If you miss the deadline, register at the polls

To register on Election Day at your polling place, provide proof of residence or have someone from your precinct vouch on your behalf.

Find out what you need to register on Election Day at https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/.

Need more information?

Visit the Hennepin County Elections page or https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/ to register.

Early voting

Early voting begins September 18 for 2026 midterm election

Election Day is November 3, but you don't have to wait to cast your ballot.

What to do before you vote

1. Register to vote
2. View your sample ballot
3. Choose how you want to vote
   a. Vote absentee:
      i. Complete an absentee ballot application (PDF) or fill out the online application.
   b. Vote early in-person:
      i. Visit your local elections office (check with your city clerk for location and hours)
      ii. Minneapolis Early Voting Center (Minneapolis residents)
      iii. Hennepin County Government Center will be open for absentee voting

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It's not too late to vote by mail in the 2026 midterm election

Fill out your ballot from the comfort of your home with an absentee ballot by mail.

Request an absentee ballot at http://mnvotes.gov/absentee. Your completed ballot must be received by Election Day, November 3.

Find out what's on your ballot ahead of time at myballotmn.sos.mn.gov.

Election Day reminders

Election Day is November 3

Voting early

- In-person – early voting ends November 2 at 5 p.m. Find out where you can vote early in person.
- By mail – absentee ballots must arrive by Election Day, November 3 to be counted. Ballots may be hand delivered to your city elections office by 5:00 p.m. on election day.

Voting on Election Day

Before you head to the polls:

- View your sample ballot
- Find your polling place

Registering on Election Day

To register at your polling place, you'll need to bring proof of residence:

- ID with your current name and address; or
- Photo ID AND a document, like a utility bill, due or dated within 30 days of the election with your current residence; or
- Registered voter from the same precinct who can confirm your address.

Find all acceptable proof of residence options at https://www.sos.mn.gov/elections-voting/register-to-vote/register-on-election-day/