

States' rules for requesting and returning ballots are followed by specific deadlines for the November General Election

State	Absentee Ballot Application Deadline	Voted Absentee Ballot is Due
Alabama	<p>Received 5 days before the election</p> <p>Thursday, November 1, 2012</p>	<p>Postmarked by the day before the election and received by noon on election day if mailed; received by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election if hand-delivered</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012</p>
Alaska	<p>Received 10 days before the election</p> <p>Tuesday, October 27, 2012</p>	<p>Postmarked on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012</p>
Arizona	<p>Received by 5:00 p.m. 11 days before the election</p> <p>Monday, October 26, 2012</p>	<p>Received by 7:00 p.m. on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012</p>
Arkansas	<p>Received by the 7th day before the election if send by mail or fax; Received by close of business the day before the election if delivered in person</p> <p>Tuesday, October 31, 2012 (by mail/fax)</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 (in person)</p>	<p>Received by 7:30 p.m. on election day if sent by mail; received by close of business on the day before the election if delivered in person</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 7:30 PM (by mail)</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 (in person)</p>

<p>California</p>	<p>Received 7 days before the election if requesting by mail; no deadline if requesting in person</p> <p>Tuesday, October 30, 2012</p>	<p>Received by 8:00 p.m. on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 8:00 PM</p>
<p>Colorado</p>	<p>Received by the Tuesday before the election</p> <p>Tuesday, October 30, 2012</p>	<p>Received by the close of polls on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 7:00 PM</p>
<p>Connecticut</p>	<p>No specific deadline. We recommend requesting your ballot at least one month before the election</p>	<p>Received by 8:00 p.m. on election day if submitting via mail; received by the day before the election if submitting in person</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 (in person)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 8:00 p.m. (by mail)</p>
<p>Delaware</p>	<p>Received by the Friday before the election</p> <p>Friday, November 2, 2012</p>	<p>Received by 12:00 noon on the day before the election day</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 by 12:00 PM</p>
<p>District of Columbia</p>	<p>Received by the Tuesday before the election</p>	<p>Postmarked by election day and received within 10 days of the election</p>

	Tuesday, October 30, 2012	Tuesday, November 6, 2012
Florida	<p>Received by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the election</p> <p>Wednesday, October 31, 2012 by 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Received by 7:00 p.m. on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 7:00 p.m.</p>
Georgia	<p>No specific deadline. We recommend requesting your ballot at least one month before the election</p>	<p>Received by the close of polls on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012</p>
Hawaii	<p>Received by 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election</p> <p>Tuesday, October 30, 2012 by 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Received by the close of polls on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012</p>
Idaho	<p>Received by the 6th day prior to the election</p> <p>Wednesday, October 31, 2012</p>	<p>Received by 8pm on election day or until 5:00 PM the Friday before an election, if casting a ballot in person</p> <p>Friday, November 2, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. (in person)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 8:00 p.m.</p>
Illinois	<p>Received no later than 5 days before the election if requesting by mail; Received no later than the day before the election if</p>	<p>Postmarked no later than midnight of the night before the election, and received within 14 days of the election.</p>

	<p>requesting in person.</p> <p>Thursday, November 1, 2012 (by mail)</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 (in person)</p>	<p>Monday, November 5, 2012 by midnight</p>
Indiana	<p>Received 8 days before the election</p> <p>Monday, October 29, 2012</p>	<p>Received by the close of polls on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012</p>
Iowa	<p>Received by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election</p> <p>Friday, November 2, 2012 by 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Postmarked by the day before the election and received by noon on the Tuesday after the election</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 (by mail)</p>
Kansas	<p>Received by the Friday before the election</p> <p>Friday, November 2, 2012</p>	<p>Received by 7:00 p.m. on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012</p>
Kentucky	<p>Received by the Tuesday before the Election</p> <p>Tuesday, October 30, 2012</p>	<p>Received by 6:00 p.m. on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012</p>
Louisiana	<p>Received no later than 4:30pm on the 4th day before the election; if hospitalized, by 8pm</p>	<p>Received no later than 4:30pm on the day before the election; if hospitalized, by 8:00 p.m. on</p>

	<p>on the day before the election</p> <p>Friday, November 2, 2012 by 4:30 PM</p>	<p>election day</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 by 4:30 PM (8:30 p.m. on November 6, 2012, if hospitalized)</p>
Maine	<p>The third business day prior to the election</p> <p>Thursday, November 1, 2012</p>	<p>Received by 8:00 p.m. on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012</p>
Maryland	<p>Received by 8:00 p.m. if requested in person or by mail, or by 11:59 p.m. if requested by fax or email, on the Tuesday before the election</p> <p>Tuesday, October 30, 2012 by 8:00 PM (by mail or in person); by 11:59 PM (by fax or email)</p>	<p>Received by 8:00 PM on election day if delivered in person; Postmarked by election day and received by 10:00 a.m. on the 2nd Friday after the election</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 8:00 PM (in person); Tuesday, November 6, 2012 (by mail)</p>
Massachusetts	<p>Received by noon on the day before the election, but highly recommended you do so as soon as possible</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 by 12:00 PM</p>	<p>Received by the close of polls on election day (by 8:00 PM for state elections)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 (in person or by mail)</p>
Michigan	<p>Received by 2:00 p.m. on the Saturday before the election</p> <p>Saturday, November 3, 2012</p>	<p>Received by 8:00 p.m. on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 8:00 PM (in person or by mail)</p>

<p>Minnesota</p>	<p>No specific deadline. We recommend requesting your ballot at least one month before the election</p>	<p>Received by 3:00 PM on election day if mailed; by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election if delivered (by yourself) in person.</p> <p>You may also have someone else return your completed ballot, sealed in its envelope, to your local election official by 3:00 p.m. on election day. (Persons delivering ballots may not do so for more than three voters.)</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 (in person)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 3:00 PM (by mail or in person delivery of your ballot by another person)</p>
<p>Mississippi</p>	<p>No specific deadline. We recommend requesting your ballot at least one month before the election</p>	<p>Received by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Missouri</p>	<p>Received by 5:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the election</p> <p>Wednesday, October 31, 2012 by 5:00 PM</p>	<p>Received by 7:00 PM on election day if mailed, or by 5:00 PM on the day prior to the election if casting absentee ballot in person</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 by</p>

		<p>5:00 p.m. (if voting absentee in person)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 7:00 p.m. (by mail)</p>
Montana	<p>Received by noon on the day before the election</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 by 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Received by the close of polls on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012.</p>
Nebraska	<p>Received by 4:00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the election</p> <p>Wednesday, October 31, 2012 by 4:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Received by 8:00 p.m. on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 8:00 p.m CT (by mail or in person)</p>
Nevada	<p>Received by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election</p> <p>Tuesday, October 30, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Received by 7:00 p.m. on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2010 by 7:00 p.m.</p>
New Hampshire	<p>No specific deadline. We recommend requesting your ballot at least one month before the election</p>	<p>Received by 5:00 p.m. on election day if mailed; Received by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the election if delivered in person</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. (in person)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by</p>

		5:00 p.m. (by mail)
New Jersey	<p>Received seven days before the election if requested by mail; Received by 3pm on the day before the election if requested in person</p> <p>Tuesday, October 30, 2012 (by mail)</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 by 3:00 p.m. (in person)</p>	<p>Received by 8:00 p.m. on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 8:00 p.m.</p>
New Mexico	<p>Received by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election</p> <p>Friday, November 2, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Received by 7:00 p.m. on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 7:00 p.m.</p>
New York	<p>Postmarked by the USPS no later than seven days before the election; Received by the day before the election if delivering in person</p> <p>Tuesday, October 30, 2012 (by mail)</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 (in person)</p>	<p>Postmarked by USPS by the day before the election and received no later than the 7th day after the election; Received by close of polls on election day if delivering in person</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 (by mail)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 (in person)</p>
North Carolina	<p>Received by the Tuesday before the election by 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Postmarked by election day and received by 5:00 p.m. on</p>

	<p>Tuesday, October 30, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>the 3rd day after the election; Received by 5:00 p.m the day before the election if returned in person</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012</p>
North Dakota	<p>No specific deadline. We recommend requesting your ballot at least one month before the election</p>	<p>Postmarked on the envelope or date-stamped on email or fax by the day before the election</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012</p>
Ohio	<p>Received by noon on the third day before the election</p> <p>Saturday, November 3, 2012 by 12:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Received by the close of polls on election day if delivering in person or postmarked the day before the election and received no later than 10 days after the election</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012 (in person)</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 (by mail)</p>
Oklahoma	<p>Received by 5: 00 p.m. on the Wednesday before the election</p> <p>Wednesday, October 31, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Received by 7:00 p.m. on election day via mail or private mail service ONLY</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 7:00 p.m.</p>

Oregon	No specific deadline. We recommend requesting your ballot at least one month before the election	Received by 8:00 p.m. on election day Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 8:00 p.m.
Pennsylvania	Received by 5:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before the election Tuesday, October 30, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.	Received by 5:00 p.m. on the Friday before the election Friday, November 2, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.
Rhode Island	Received by the 21st day before the election Tuesday, October 16, 2012	Received by 9:00 p.m. on election day Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 9:00 p.m.
South Carolina	Received by 5:00 p.m on the 4th day before the election, whether delivering in person, by mail, fax or email Friday, November 2, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.	Received by 7:00 p.m. on election day, either in person or by mail Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 7:00 p.m.
South Dakota	Received by 3:00 p.m. on election day Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 3:00 p.m.	Received by the close of polls on election day Tuesday, November 6, 2012
Tennessee	Received by the Tuesday	Received via mail by the close

	<p>before the election</p> <p>Tuesday, October 30, 2012</p>	<p>of polls on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012</p>
Texas	<p>Received by the close of business on the Tuesday before the election</p> <p>Tuesday, October 30, 2012</p>	<p>Received by 7:00 p.m. on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 7:00 p.m.</p>
Utah	<p>Received by the Friday before the election</p> <p>Friday, November 2, 2012</p>	<p>Postmarked by the day before the election and received before noon on the day of the Official Canvass (which varies, between 1 and 14 days after the election)</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012</p>
Vermont	<p>Received by 5:00 p.m. or the closing of the town clerk's office on the day before the election</p> <p>Monday, November 5, 2012</p>	<p>Received by the close of polls on election day, either in person or by mail</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012</p>
Virginia	<p>Received by 5:00 p.m. the Tuesday before the election if requested by mail or three days before the election if applying and casting absentee ballot in person</p> <p>Tuesday, October 30, 2012 by 5:00 p.m. (by mail)</p> <p>Saturday, November 3, 2012</p>	<p>Received by 7:00 p.m. on election day</p> <p>Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 7:00 p.m.</p>

	(in person)	
Washington	No specific deadline for requesting an early ballot (all voters receive ballots via mail, beginning at least 18 days prior to the election). We recommend requesting your ballot at least one month before the election	Postmarked by election day Tuesday, November 6, 2012
West Virginia	Received by the 6th day before the election Wednesday, October 31, 2012	Postmarked by election day and received by the canvass day (the Friday after a primary and the Monday after a general election) Tuesday, November 6, 2012
Wisconsin	Received by 5:00 p.m. on the Thursday before the election Thursday, November 1, 2012 by 5:00 p.m.	Delivered no later than election day or postmarked no later than election day and received no later than 4:00 p.m. on the Friday following the election Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 8:00 p.m.
Wyoming	No specific deadline. We recommend requesting your ballot at least one month before the election	Received by 7:00 p.m. on election day, either in person or by mail Tuesday, November 6, 2012 by 7:00 p.m.