

Other Things You Should Know About Voting

- 1) Elderly persons or people with disabilities who are “indefinitely confined” to their home or care facilities do NOT need a photo ID to vote. Voters in their own homes or care facilities can request an absentee ballot as “indefinitely confined”. This population still needs to register to vote (if they already haven’t) and provide proof of residence. See attachment or go to this link for more information: <http://gab.wi.gov/node/2119>
- 2) Individuals who have already requested, received, and/or turned in an absentee ballot WILL be required to submit a qualifying ID to their municipal clerk as soon as possible. In addition, municipal clerks will need a qualifying ID from anyone in the future who will be requesting an absentee ballot for the November 4th election. To find out more about absentee balloting procedures, go here: <http://gab.wi.gov/publications/quick-reference/absentee-voting>
- 3) Individuals who ONLY reside in Milwaukee County and who currently do not have a valid Wisconsin ID or driver’s license can go to the Milwaukee County Register of Deeds and obtain a FREE copy of their birth certificate. The Milwaukee Register of Deeds Office is located at the County Courthouse (901 N. 9th St – Room 103). Go to this link for directions on what forms need to be filled out and what information people need to bring: <http://county.milwaukee.gov/VtialRecordsSystem9855.htm>
- 4) There is NO weekend voting. Early voting is limited to 55 hours from 8:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday, two weeks prior to the election. (NOTE: The next general election is November 4, 2014).
- 5) Municipal clerks need to dispatch a Special Voting Deputy (SVD) to nursing homes if five or more people request absentee ballots. There must be a five-day notice in advance, and media must be notified of the upcoming SVD visit.
- 6) Registrars must record the type of document used for proof of residence. The Government Accountability Board’s voter list must record this information.
- 7) You must live in your residence for 28 days in order to vote at your neighborhood polling site. If you have lived in your residence for less than 28 days then you vote at your old polling site.
- 8) All election observers are allowed to stand 3 to 8 feet from the sign-in and registration table.
- 9) You need to sign the poll book in order to vote – unless you can’t sign because of a disability.
- 10) A driver’s license or ID card issued by the state Department of Transportation is valid for voting even if the address is not current, as long as its expiration date is after the last November general election (held on November 6, 2012).
- 11) If you do not have a photo ID, you are allowed to vote by provisional ballot. You can bring your photo ID to the polling place by 8:00 p.m. You may also present your photo ID to the municipal clerk in person by 4 p.m. the Friday after the Election. If you provide photo ID by the deadline, the ballot will count. If you do not provide photo ID by the deadline, your ballot will not count. Provisional ballot information for voters can be found here: <http://gab.wi.gov/clerks/provisional-handout>
- 12) Curbside voting is available on Election Day if a voter cannot enter the polling place due to a disability. Proof of residence must be provided if you are not registered. Proof of identification must also be provided. Two poll workers will bring a ballot to the individual needing assistance and conduct voting at their vehicle or at the polling place entrance. These voters do not have to sign the poll list.