

# Washington

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DEADLINES	Presidential Primary N/A	State Primary August 7, 2012	General Election November 6, 2012
Registration	N/A	August 7, 2012	November 6, 2012
Ballot Request	N/A	August 7, 2012	November 6, 2012
Ballot Return	N/A	August 20, 2012	November 26, 2012

**These are not mailing deadlines. Mail your voting materials early enough to account for mail delivery times. Check the Recommended Mailing Dates on the next page for details.**

Information is current as of September 2011. Check [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) for updates.

## Registering and Requesting Your Absentee Ballot

The Federal Post Card Application registers you to vote and requests absentee ballots for every subsequent Federal election held until the voter is no longer registered to vote in the State.

Alternately, if you have a valid Washington State Driver's License or State identification card, you may complete your voter registration online or download a paper application at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov).

### Complete the Following Blocks of the Federal Post Card Application (FPCA):

**Block 1:** Select the category that describes you.

**Block 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

Your valid Washington Driver's License or State ID Card number OR the last four digits of your Social Security number is required for voter registration. If you do not possess any of these identification numbers, the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

**Block 5:** Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

**Block 6:** Washington allows you to receive your absentee ballot by mail, email, or fax. Please rank your preference of how you would like to receive your absentee ballot. Provide your email address or fax number in Block 5. If you do not make a selection, then your local election official will mail your ballot to you.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your Washington voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

**Block 8:** Complete address where you want your ballot sent, usually where you live now.

**Block 9:** In addition to mailing a regular ballot, Washington provides a State Special Write-In Absentee Ballot up to 90 days before the election to any voter unable to vote using the regular absentee voting process. This ballot allows you to vote in local, State and Federal elections. To request it, write in Block 9: "I am unable to vote and return a regular absentee ballot by normal mail delivery within the time provided for regular absentee ballots. I request a special write-in absentee ballot."

Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this application.

**Affirmation** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

### How and Where to Submit Your FPCA:

Washington allows you to submit the FPCA by mail, email, or fax.

If you choose to mail your FPCA, mail the form directly to your local election office. Addresses can be found at the end of this section.

If you choose to email your FPCA, you should send the form as a signed, scanned attachment. Email directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) and click "Contact Your County."

If you choose to fax your FPCA, fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at

www.vote.wa.gov and click “Contact Your County.” You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FPCA toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at www.fvap.gov, and fax to: (703) 693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at www.fvap.gov.

### Follow-Up on Your FPCA

To find out the status of your registration/absentee ballot request, contact your local election office or refer to Washington’s voter registration verification website at: www.vote.wa.gov www.vote.wa.gov and click “Contact Your County.”

Your jurisdiction will contact you regarding the status of your application.

### Ballot Request by Phone, Fax, or Email

You may request a ballot or change your mailing address by calling, faxing, or emailing your local election official. Phone numbers, fax numbers, or email addresses can be found at www.vote.wa.gov.

### Voting By Citizens Who Have Never Lived in the U.S.

A U.S. citizen who was born abroad and who is eligible to vote and who has never lived in the U.S. may register and vote in the county where a parent would be eligible to register and vote. Use the most recent residential address in Washington of a family member.

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## Voting Your Ballot

Local election officials send absentee ballots approximately 45 days before elections.

**Voted ballots must be received by the local election office 14 days after primaries and special elections and 20 days after general elections. The oath accompanying your voted ballot must be signed and dated no later than Election Day.**

No witness or notary is required on voted ballots.

Washington allows you to return the voted ballot by mail, fax or email. Use the FPCA fax instructions under “How and Where to Submit Your FPCA.”

Overseas uniformed service members and their family members with access to the Military Postal Service, may use the “Prepaid Expedited Mail- Label 11-DOD”. This label is available at APO/FPO locations and can only be used for the general election. It provides expedited mail service up to seven days prior to the election. You can

return your ballot with this label attached at any MPO/FPO, American embassy or consulate. A portion of the label is retained by you for tracking your ballot through the U.S. Postal Service.

### Tracking Your Ballot

You may track the status of your ballot at www.vote.wa.gov and click the MyVote icon.

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## Recommended Mailing Dates for the November 2012 General Election

Send your FPCA by August 15, 2012 to ensure that you receive your ballot in time to vote and return it to be counted.

- Voters in Iraq, Afghanistan, ships at sea, and other overseas locations without access to the military postal system should send voted ballots by October 6, 2012
- Voters in other overseas military installations should send voted ballots by October 13, 2012
- Stateside Uniformed Service members and their families should send voted ballots by October 29, 2012.

If you do not receive your State absentee ballot by October 2, 2012, use the Federal Write-in Absentee Ballot. If you receive your State absentee ballot, vote and return it. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

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## Haven’t Received Your Ballot? Don’t Wait Until It’s Too Late. . . Use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot!

Washington allows you to use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) for registering and voting in primary and general elections for Federal, State, and local offices and non-candidate ballot issues. Feel free to use the FWAB to vote anytime before an election.

### Complete the Following Blocks of the FWAB’s Voter Declaration/ Affirmation:

**Block 1:** Washington allows you to use this form for registration.

**Block 2:** Select the category that describes you.

**Block 3:** Name (Last, First, Middle)

**Block 4:** Date of Birth

Enter your valid Washington Driver's License number, the last four digits of your Social Security, OR your State voter registration number. If you do not possess either of these identification numbers, the State shall assign a number that will serve to identify you for voter registration purposes.

**Block 5:** Recommended but not required. Provide your contact information to allow your local election official to follow up if more information is required.

**Block 7:** Complete street address of your Washington voting residence. A post office box is not sufficient. If your address includes a rural route, describe its location in Block 9. This address must be within the county where you claim legal voting residence.

**Block 8:** Enter your current mailing address.

**Block 9:** Provide any information that may assist the local election official in accepting this ballot or application.

**Affirmation:** Sign and date. No witness or notary required.

#### Vote Your FWAB:

To find out the races and candidates for which you can vote, go to [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) and click the MyVote icon. For each office for which you vote, write in a candidate's name. Once the ballot is complete, fold and place it in the security envelope and seal. Place only the voted ballot in the security envelope and do not write on the security envelope.

#### How and Where to Submit Your FWAB:

Washington allows you to submit the FWAB by mail, email, or fax.

If you choose to mail your FWAB, mail the form directly to your local election office. Addresses can be found at the end of this section.

If you choose to email your FWAB, you should send the form as a signed, scanned attachment. Email directly to your local election office. Email addresses can be found at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) and click "Contact Your County."

If you choose to fax your FWAB, fax the form directly to your local election official. Fax numbers can be found at [www.vote.wa.gov](http://www.vote.wa.gov) and click "Contact Your County." You may also use the DoD Electronic Transmission Service to fax your FWAB toll-free. To use the Electronic Transmission Service, use the cover sheet available in Chapter 1 or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov), and fax to: (703) 693-5527, DSN 223-5527, or toll-free from the U.S., Canada, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands to 1-800-368-8683. International toll-free numbers can be found on the inside back cover or at [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov).

The FWAB must be received by the local election office by the ballot return deadline. If you receive the State ballot after submitting the voted FWAB, you may also vote and return the State ballot. If both ballots are received by the deadline, only the State ballot will be counted.

Insert the sealed security envelope and the Voter's Declaration/Affirmation into the mailing envelope and mail your FWAB directly to your local election official.

## Local Election Office Addresses

County	Mailing Address
Adams	Adams County Auditor 210 W. Broadway Ave, Ste 200 Ritzville, WA 99169-1897 Fax: 509-659-3254 Email: <a href="mailto:heidih@co.adams.wa.us">heidih@co.adams.wa.us</a>
Asotin	Asotin County Auditor PO Box 129 Asotin, WA 99402-0129 Fax: 509-243-2087 Email: <a href="mailto:dmckay@co.asotin.wa.us">dmckay@co.asotin.wa.us</a>
Benton	Benton County Auditor PO Box 470 Prosser, WA 99350-0470 Fax: 509-786-5528 Email: <a href="mailto:elections@co.benton.wa.us">elections@co.benton.wa.us</a>
Chelan	Chelan County Auditor PO Box 400 Wenatchee, WA 98807-0400 Fax: 509-667-6818 Email: <a href="mailto:elections.ballots@co.chelan.wa.us">elections.ballots@co.chelan.wa.us</a>
Clallam	Clallam County Auditor 223 E. 4th Street, Suite 1 Port Angeles, WA 98362-3026 Fax: 360-417-2517 Email: <a href="mailto:auditor@co.clallam.wa.us">auditor@co.clallam.wa.us</a>
Clark	Clark County Auditor PO Box 8815 Vancouver, WA 98666-8815 Fax: 360-397-2394 Email: <a href="mailto:elections@clark.wa.gov">elections@clark.wa.gov</a>
Columbia	Columbia County Auditor 341 E. Main Street, Suite 2 Dayton, WA 99328-1361 Fax: 509-382-4830 Email: <a href="mailto:sharon_richter@co.columbia.wa.us">sharon_richter@co.columbia.wa.us</a>
Cowlitz	Cowlitz County Auditor 207 - 4th Avenue N, Room 107 Kelso, WA 98626-4124 Fax: 360-442-7879 Email: <a href="mailto:elections@co.cowlitz.wa.us">elections@co.cowlitz.wa.us</a>
Douglas	Douglas County Auditor PO Box 456 Waterville, WA 98858-0456 Fax: 509-745-8812 Email: <a href="mailto:elections@co.douglas.wa.us">elections@co.douglas.wa.us</a>
Ferry	Ferry County Auditor 350 E. Delaware Avenue, # 2 Republic, WA 99166-9747 Fax: 509-775-5208 Email: <a href="mailto:elections@co.ferry.wa.us">elections@co.ferry.wa.us</a>
Franklin	Franklin County Auditor PO Box 1451 Pasco, WA 99301-1451 Fax: 509-543-2995 Email: <a href="mailto:dkillian@co.franklin.wa.us">dkillian@co.franklin.wa.us</a>
Garfield	Garfield County Auditor PO Box 278 Pomeroy, WA 99347-0278 Fax: 509-843-3941 Email: <a href="mailto:auditor@co.garfield.wa.us">auditor@co.garfield.wa.us</a>

County	Mailing Address
Grant	Grant County Auditor PO Box 37 Ephrata, WA 98823-0037 Fax: 509-754-6562 Email: elections@co.grant.wa.us
Grays Harbor	Grays Harbor County Auditor 100 Broadway Avenue., W., Ste 2 Montesano, WA 98563-3614 Fax: 360-249-3330 Email: ghcelections@co.grays-harbor.wa.us
Island	Island County Auditor PO Box 1410 Coupeville, WA 98239-1410 Fax: 360-240-5553 Email: elections@co.island.wa.us
Jefferson	Jefferson County Auditor PO Box 563 Port Townsend, WA 98368-0563 Fax: 360-385-9228 Email: karenc@co.jefferson.wa.us
King	King County Elections Division 919 SW Grady Way Renton, WA 98057-2906 Fax: 206-296-0108 Email: elections@kingcounty.gov
Kitsap	Kitsap County Auditor 614 Division Street Port Orchard, WA 98366-4678 Fax: 360-337-5769 Email: auditor@co.kitsap.wa.us
Kittitas	Kittitas County Auditor 205 W. 5th Ave, # 105 Ellensburg, WA 98926-3129 Fax: 509-962-7687 Email: elections@co.kittitas.wa.us
Klickitat	Klickitat County Auditor 205 S. Columbus, Stop 2 Goldendale, WA 98620-9280 Fax: 509-773-4244 Email: voting@co.klickitat.wa.us
Lewis	Lewis County Auditor PO Box 29 Chehalis, WA 98532-0029 Fax: 360-740-1421 Email: mariann.zumbuhl@lewiscountywa.gov
Lincoln	Lincoln County Auditor PO Box 28 Davenport, WA 99122-0028 Fax: 509-725-0820 Email: sjohnston@co.lincoln.wa.us
Mason	Mason County Auditor PO Box 400 Shelton, WA 98584-0400 Fax: 360-427-1753 Email: amberc@co.mason.wa.us
Okanogan	Okanogan County Auditor PO Box 1010 Okanogan, WA 98840-1010 Fax: 509-422-7163 Email: elections@co.okanogan.wa.us
Pacific	Pacific County Auditor PO Box 97 South Bend, WA 98586-0097 Fax: 360-875-9333 Email: pgardner@co.pacific.wa.us
Pend Oreille	Pend Oreille County Auditor PO Box 5015 Newport, WA 99156-5015 Fax: 509-447-2475 Email: elections@pendoreille.org
Pierce	Pierce County Auditor 2501 S. 35th Street, Suite C Tacoma, WA 98409-7484 Fax: 253-798-2761 Email: pcelections@co.pierce.wa.us
San Juan	San Juan County Auditor PO Box 638 Friday Harbor, WA 98250-0638 Fax: 360-378-8856 Email: elections@sanjuanco.com

County	Mailing Address
Skagit	Skagit County Auditor PO Box 1306 Mt. Vernon, WA 98273-1306 Fax: 360-336-9429 Email: scelections@co.skagit.wa.us
Skamania	Skamania County Auditor PO Box 790 Stevenson, WA 98648-0790 Fax: 509-427-3740 Email: elections@co.skamania.wa.us
Snohomish	Snohomish County Auditor 3000 Rockefeller Ave., #505 Everett, WA 98201-4060 Fax: 425-259-2777 Email: elections@snoco.org
Spokane	Spokane County Auditor 1033 W. Gardner Spokane, WA 99260-0020 Fax: 509-477-6607 Email: elections@spokanecounty.org
Stevens	Stevens County Auditor 215 S Oak St, Rm 106 Colville, WA 99114-2836 Fax: 509-684-7568 Email: elections@co.stevens.wa.us
Thurston	Thurston County Auditor 2000 Lakeridge Drive, SW Olympia, WA 98502-6001 Fax: 360-786-5223 Email: elections@co.thurston.wa.us
Wahkiakum	Wahkiakum County Auditor PO Box 543 Cathlamet, WA 98612-0543 Fax: 360-795-0824 Email: tischerd@co.wahkiakum.wa.us
Walla Walla	Walla Walla County Auditor Elections Department PO Box 1856 Walla Walla, WA 99362-0356 Fax: 509-524-2552 Email: elections@co.walla-walla.wa.us
Whatcom	Whatcom County Auditor PO Box 398 Bellingham, WA 98227 Fax: 360-738-4556 Email: elections@co.whatcom.wa.us
Whitman	Whitman County Auditor PO Box 350 Colfax, WA 99111-0350 Fax: 509-397-5281 Email: elections@co.whitman.wa.us
Yakima	Yakima County Auditor 128 N. Second Street, #117 Yakima, WA 98901-2639 Fax: 509-574-1341 Email: ivote@co.yakima.wa.us