



SUMMARY: STATE ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINES & COUNTING INFORMATION FOR THE 2012 ELECTION

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The information in this chart is based on state election websites and calendars, the Federal Voting Assistance Program *Voting Assistance Guide*, and state laws/regulations. **No state releases absentee voting results until after the polls close on Election Day, November 6th, regardless of when counting begins.**

Also note: the deadlines in this chart may change based on lawsuits or other events. Contact your local election office and/or the Federal Voting Assistance Program for the latest information.

State	Deadline to Return Regular Absentee Ballots (mail)	Deadline to Return Military and Overseas Ballots (mail)	When Absentee Ballot Counting May Begin
Alabama	- Postmark by Nov 5 th - Received by Noon on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	7:00 PM on Election Day
Alaska	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 16th	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 21st (from outside US)	8:00 PM on Election Day
Arizona	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Oct 30 th
Arkansas	7:30 PM on Election Day	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 16th	Prior to the close of polls on Election Day
California	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Oct 26 th
Colorado	7:00 PM on Election Day	Received by Nov 14th	Oct 22 nd
Connecticut	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	10:00 AM on Election Day
Delaware	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon opening of polls on Election Day
District of Columbia	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 16th	Same as regular ballot	8:00 PM on Election Day
Florida	7:00 PM on Election Day	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 16th	Oct 22 nd
Georgia	7:00 PM on Election Day	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 9 th	7:00 AM on Election Day

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Hawaii	6:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Idaho	8:00 PM Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Illinois	- Postmark by Nov 5 th - Received by Nov 20 th	Nov. 20 th	7:00 PM on Election Day
Indiana	6:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon opening of polls on Election Day
Iowa	- Postmark by Nov 5 th - Received by Noon on Nov 13 th	- Postmark by Nov 5 th - Received by Nov 12 th	November 5 th
Kansas	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Kentucky	6:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	10:00 AM on Election Day
Louisiana	4:30 PM on November 5 th	Same as regular ballot	1:00 PM on Election Day
Maine	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
Maryland	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by 10:00am on Nov 16th	Same as regular ballot	10:00 AM Nov 8 th
Massachusetts	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	After the polls close on Election Day
Michigan	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Minnesota	3:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
Mississippi	5:00 PM on Nov 5 th	7:00 PM on Election Day	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
Missouri	7:00 PM Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon opening of polls on Election Day
Montana	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Nebraska	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Nov 5 th
Nevada	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
New Hampshire	5:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon closing of polls on Election Day

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New Jersey	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
New Mexico	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
New York	- Postmark by Nov 5 th - Received by Nov 13 th	- Postmark by Nov 5 th - Received by Nov 19 th	Election Day
North Carolina	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by 5:00 PM on Nov 9 th	Election Day	5:00 PM on Election Day
North Dakota	- Postmark by Nov 5 th - Received by county canvassing meeting	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 9 th or 12 th (depending on county)	Nov 5 th
Ohio	- Postmark by Nov 5 th - Received by Nov 16 th	- Postmark by Nov 5 th (from within US) - Postmark by Election Day (from outside US) - Received by Nov 16 th	Election Day
Oklahoma	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Oregon	8:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Begins scanning ballots on October 30 th
Pennsylvania	Received by November 2 nd	- Postmark by Nov 5 th - Received by Nov 13 th	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
Rhode Island	9:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
South Carolina	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	9:00 AM on Election Day
South Dakota	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
Tennessee	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Upon closing of polls on Election Day
Texas	7:00 PM on Election Day	- Postmark by Election Day (from outside US) - Received by Nov 12 th (from outside US) - Received by Nov 6 th (from within US)	Upon opening of polls on Election Day
Utah	- Postmark by Nov 5 th - Received by Noon on the date of canvass	- Postmark by Nov 5 th - Received by Nov 19 th	Before the date of the canvass
Vermont	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day
Virginia	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day

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Washington	Postmark by Election Day	Nov 26 th	8:00 PM on Election Day
West Virginia	- Postmark by Election Day - Received by Nov 13 th	Nov 13 th	Election Day
Wisconsin	8:00 PM on Election Day	- Postmark by Election Day (military) - Received by Nov 16 th (military) - Same as regular ballot (overseas citizens)	Election Day
Wyoming	7:00 PM on Election Day	Same as regular ballot	Election Day