

Voting in King County

Vote-by-mail

Washington state votes by mail. King County mails ballots to all registered voters.

Voters' pamphlets

A voters' pamphlet provides information about candidates and measures on the ballot.

Depending on the type of election, you may or may not receive a voters' pamphlet in the mail. Information will also be available online.

What is a Top 2 Primary?

The candidates who receive the most votes in the primary election advance to the general election, regardless of their party preference. In each race, you may vote for any candidate listed on the ballot. Washington voters do not declare party affiliation when registering to vote.

Translated materials

King County Elections translates election materials into Chinese and Vietnamese as required by federal law. Contact us to request voting materials in these languages.



Contact us

King County Elections

919 Southwest Grady Way
Renton, WA 98057

Open weekdays
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Voter Registration Annex

King County Administration Building
500 4th Avenue, Room 440
Seattle, WA 98104

Open weekdays
8:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

For voter registration services only

206-296-VOTE (8683)

1-800-325-6165, TTY: Relay: 711

elections@kingcounty.gov

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A guide to Voting in King County



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How to register to vote

- Online
- By mail
- In person at our Renton headquarters or the downtown Seattle Voter Registration Annex



For details see:

kingcounty.gov/elections/register

Who can register to vote

You must be:

- A citizen of the United States;
- A legal resident of Washington state for at least 30 days before election day;
- At least 18 years old by election day;
- Not disqualified from voting due to a court order; and
- Not under Department of Corrections supervision for a Washington felony conviction.

You may not vote in more than one state. Be sure to cancel any previous voter registration before you register in Washington.

Voter registration deadlines

You can register to vote at any time.

If you want to vote in an upcoming election, there are specific deadlines.

Not registered to vote in Washington?

- Register online or by mail no later than the Monday four weeks before election day. This is the postmark deadline if you are mailing in a registration form.
- Register in person at our Renton headquarters or Seattle Voter Registration Annex no later than the Monday one week before the election.

If you are already registered to vote:

- Changes to your name, address or signature must be postmarked or submitted no later than the Monday four weeks before election day.
- If you miss the deadline, you can still vote. Contact us to get a ballot.

How to get a ballot

By mail

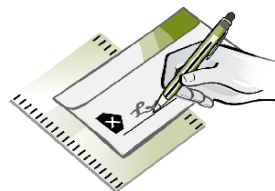
- If you are registered to vote, you will receive a ballot in the mail.
- Ballots are mailed about three weeks before election day, earlier to military and overseas voters.



Accessible Voting Centers

King County accessible voting centers (AVCs) are open to voters who may have difficulty completing their mail ballot. Anyone who would like to vote at an AVC may do so.

Tips for voting



- Read the ballot, envelope and voters' pamphlet carefully.
- Use a black ink pen to fill out your ballot.
- Only the races you

voted for will be counted, and your ballot will be processed even if you don't vote for every race.

- Remove and recycle the stub at the top of the ballot.
- Sign the declaration on the back of the return envelope.

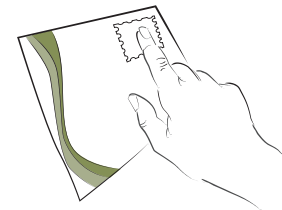
- Use the same signature as when you registered to vote. The signature on the declaration will be compared to the signature on your voter registration to verify your identity each time you vote.
- Do not put multiple ballots in your return envelope, only the one ballot you voted.

How to return your ballot

You can vote and return your ballot as soon as you receive it. Returning your ballot early allows time to correct any issues with your signature so we can count your ballot. You can return your ballot by mail or to a ballot drop off location.

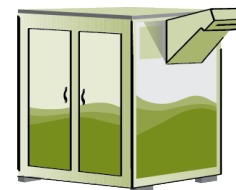
By mail

Put a first-class stamp on your ballot and mail it back to us. Your ballot must be postmarked by election day. Don't wait until the last minute!



Ballot drop off locations

Return your ballot to a ballot drop off location, no stamp required. Your ballot must be returned to a ballot drop off location by 8 p.m. election day. Plan ahead to avoid lines.



Ballot drop off locations can change every election, so be sure to look in the voters' pamphlet or on the King County Elections website for current locations.