



2024 Guide to Voting in Greenville County

*This guide provides answers to your voting questions about
registering and voting in Greenville County.*



Voter Eligibility

To vote in South Carolina, you must:

- Be a United States citizen.
- Be at least 18 years old on or before the next general election.
- Be a resident of South Carolina in the county and precinct in which you are registering.
- Not be under a court order declaring you mentally incompetent.
- Not be confined in any public prison resulting from a conviction of a crime.
- Have never been convicted of a felony or offense against election laws OR if previously convicted, have served the entire sentence, including probation or parole, or have received a pardon for the conviction.
- There is no length of residency requirement in South Carolina to register to vote, and you can register at any time after you move to the state.

Voter Registration

South Carolina law requires eligible citizens to register to vote at least 30 days prior to an election. The deadline for the general election in November 2024 is October 4-7 depending on how you register. (See the timeline on Page 5)

Register Online

You must have a current South Carolina Driver's License or DMV ID. The name and address on your driver's license must be current. You can register online at [Vote411](#) until midnight on Sunday, October 6.

Register by mail, email or fax

Download and complete a voter registration form. Your Social Security number (SSN) is required, but you can enter only the last four digits. Return it to the Greenville County Voter Registration and Elections Office by mail (301 University Ridge, Suite 1900, Greenville SC 29601).

Return by fax (864-467-7256); or scan a copy and email it to

cbelangia@greenvillecounty.org.

Special Circumstances

Students

Citizens who are not yet 18 but will be by Election Day – Nov. 5, 2024 – can register to vote. Out of state students attending college in South Carolina may register to vote in SC using the physical address of their dormitory and not their P.O. Box. [More information for students.](#)

Military and Overseas Citizens

Members of the military or citizens currently living abroad have special procedures and protections under federal and state law to help them overcome barriers to voter registration and voting caused by their

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military service or residence overseas. They also have access to the **Electronic Voting Accessibility Tool (EVAT)** that allows them to access their ballots online, then print and complete them. Completed ballots must be sent to the county elections office via fax, email, or mail by 7 p.m. on November 5, Election Day.

Convicted of a felony

You cannot vote if you are currently serving a sentence, are on probation or parole.

- If you have completed your sentence and fulfilled your probation or parole requirements, you may vote, but you must re-register.
- If you have been convicted of a misdemeanor, you may vote as long as you are not currently incarcerated.
- If you've been arrested but not convicted and are in jail, you can cast an absentee ballot.

Get more information and connect with resources to help at **Root & Rebound**, a nonprofit dedicated to helping formerly incarcerated individuals re-enter society.

Voting Resources

Greenville County Voter

Registration and Elections Office

301 University Ridge, Suite N-1000
Greenville, SC 29601

Phone: (864) 467-7250

Fax: (864) 467-7256

Email: cbelangia@greenvillecounty.org

Absentee Email:

absentee@greenvillecounty.org

Director: Conway Belangia

The South Carolina Election Commission
[voter information page](#)

[Vote411.org - Voter Information site](#)

[Check the status of your provisional ballot](#)

[Check the status of your absentee ballot](#)

The Greenville County League of Women
Voters

Voter Verification

Even if you are eligible and registered, the information on your voter registration must be kept up to date. Did you move? Get married or divorced and change your name? These life changes also require voter registration changes. So before the voter registration deadlines, take a moment to verify the information on your current registration is still accurate. Here's how.

Check/verify your registration.

Go to Vote411.org (select Verify Voter Registration>SC). Complete all the requested information including the last four of your SSN,

and confirm your name and current address are up to date. The name on your voter registration card must match the name on your photo ID.

Acceptable forms of ID

There are five valid forms of photo ID: A South Carolina Driver's License, a DMV ID card including a state concealed weapons permit, a military ID card including all Defense Dept. photo IDs and veterans benefit cards, an SC voter registration card with a photo, or

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an SC voter registration card with a photo, or a US Passport or passport ID card. All forms of ID must be current.

If you don't have a photo ID, you can **get a DMV ID card** at any DMV office. You will need to complete an application (**you can download it to complete offline**) and provide proof of your identity, including your Social Security card, birth certificate, proof of address, and proof of any legal name changes. If you are a registered voter, you can get a voter registration photo ID card at the county election office.

To update your voter registration

The name on your voter registration must match the name on your photo ID and your Social Security card. Online voter registration requires your SC Driver's License, which must match the name you are registering to vote with.

How to update your name or address with DMV.

If you have moved within the same county, you



can update your voter registration at the elections office. If you've moved to a new county, you must re-register with your updated driver's license or DMV ID card. You can do that online or at the county elections office.

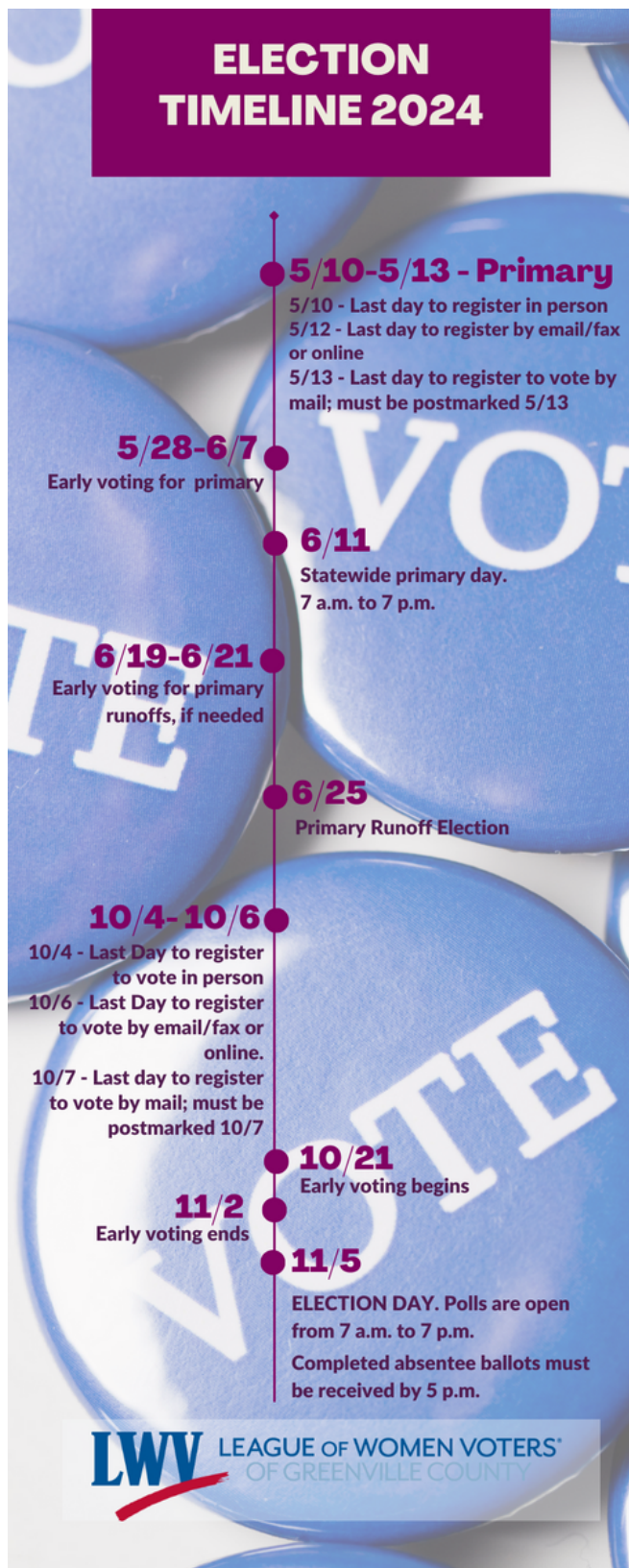
Voting

Now that you're registered, let's vote. You have three options: **Early Voting** is available for two weeks prior to Election Day for all voters; **voting on Election Day** – November 5, 2024 – or **absentee voting by mail**.

Early Voting

Early voting runs Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. October 21 through November 2. There are no Sunday hours. Early voting locations will be established throughout the county. You can vote at any one of these locations, regardless of where you live. (This guide will be updated with locations when they become available).

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Early Voting continued

Early voting locations will appear in this space when they are available:

Voting on Election Day

Lots of things can happen to prevent or delay you getting to the polls on Election Day, so make a plan to vote. Plan what time you're going, who's going to go with you, and how you'll get there.

Make sure you have confirmed your polling place. There are often polling place changes for Election Day. Check for polling places at the county election office website.

You must have your photo ID with you.

Polling places are open 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Election Day. Anyone in line at 7:00 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

No campaign material or electioneering is allowed inside the polling place or within 500 feet of a polling place. This includes hats, buttons, shirts, etc.

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Also no weapons of any kind are permitted in the polling places.

Voters with disabilities

Voters with disabilities may receive assistance in voting.

If you need assistance in voting, notify a poll manager. You can have someone help you cast your ballot so long as that person is not your employer, or an agent of your employer, or an officer of your union. Curbside voting is available to disabled voters who are unable to walk into the polling place. Election officials stress that curbside voting does not allow you to cut in front of others in line. At most polling places, there are designated

parking places. Poll managers try to monitor those spaces and will bring a voting machine out to you.

Election officials admit, however, that in peak times, or understaffed locations, monitoring the parking space may not always be possible. They suggest the driver come into the polling place and advise a poll manager. If there is a line, the last person in line will be given a flier that indicates a disabled person is next in line.

Only the voter is allowed to be in the car during voting; and the driver is not permitted to use curbside voting unless they also qualify through age or disability, and are residents of the same precinct. If you are hearing impaired, poll managers have printed instructions.

Absentee Voting

Absentee voting allows qualified voters to cast a ballot by mail prior to Election Day. In-person absentee voting is no longer available as it was replaced by Early Voting.

The rules for voting absentee have changed significantly since the 2020 election. The League of Women Voters of South Carolina advises that voters who are capable of voting either during Early Voting or on Election Day should choose one of those ways to vote. There are too many potential pitfalls that could result in an absentee ballot being disqualified. There are many reasons that absentee ballots can be disqualified and you may not even know that your vote was rejected.

Eligibility Requirements

- Workers whose job prevents them from getting to the polls in person.
- Caregivers.
- Prisoners awaiting trial.
- Voters who will be out of town.
- Voters with physical disabilities.
- Voters 65 or older
- Military members and their families.
- Patients admitted to the hospital as an emergency patient on the day of the election or within a 4-day period before the election.

More on absentee voting on next page

Absentee Voting Continued

The application

Before you can get an absentee ballot, you must file an application to receive one. You can request that by calling the election office at 864-467-7264 or visiting the office in person.

You must provide your name, date of birth, and last four of your SSN. You can request an application for no more than five other individuals, but there are new requirements for requesting and returning ballots as an authorized representative.

When you receive the application, you can return it by mail or take it to the county election office. The application must be received no later than 5 p.m. on October 25. That is very last minute and election officials advise getting your application in well ahead of these deadlines.

The ballot

Once you have received and completed your ballot, place it in the enclosed envelope marked "Ballot Here-In." Then place that envelope in the return envelope.

You must sign the voter's oath and have your signature witnessed. The witness can be anyone at least 18, and they **must** print their name and address on the return envelope.

You can return the ballot by mail or take it to the elections office. You must present a photo ID when returning absentee ballots.

Completed absentee ballots must be **received** by 7 p.m. on November 5. For overseas and military voters, mail ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. on November 7.



Photo ID

If you forget your photo ID

You may vote a provisional ballot on Election Day, but you must go the county election office and show your photo ID prior to the official certification on the following Friday. If you do not do this, your provisional ballot will not be counted.

If you can't get a photo ID

There are legitimate reasons why you might not be able to get a photo ID. They are called "reasonable impediments," which is any valid reason beyond your control that created an obstacle to obtaining a photo ID. Reasonable impediments include:

- A disability or illness
- A conflict with your work schedule
- A lack of transportation
- A lack of birth certificate
- Family responsibilities
- A religious objection to being photographed
- Any other obstacle you find reasonable.

If you could not get a photo ID, bring your non-photo voter registration card to the polling place. You may vote a provisional ballot after signing an affidavit stating you have a reasonable impediment to obtaining a photo ID. This ballot will count unless someone proves to the Board of Voter Registration and Elections that you are lying about your identity or about having the listed impediment.