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### Know Your Rights, Be Prepared and Vote!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2. Here are some tips to help you cast your ballot:

1. **Know your rights:** To be eligible to vote you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old on Election Day, and a resident for at least 10 days in your district. If you have been convicted of a felony, you may vote if you are “off paper,” in other words not incarcerated or on probation or parole.
2. **Be prepared:** If you registered by mail or plan to register at the polls on Election Day, you will need to have some information with you. To register, you will have to provide an official ID number and proof of residence. If you have a Wisconsin driver’s license or Wisconsin ID, you must give that number. If not, you may give the last four digits of your Social Security number. If you have none of these, you will be assigned a number. Also bring something to prove where you live, such as a utility bill, student ID, paycheck stub, rental lease or bank statement with your name and current address in the district.
3. **You may register and vote before Election Day** up until 5:00pm at your municipal clerk’s office. Some clerks are scheduling Saturday hours.
4. **On Election Day make sure you go to the right place:** Poll locations can change. Locate your polling place ahead of time by checking the League of Women Voters’ [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org), Voter Public Access <https://vpa.wi.gov/> or by contacting your municipal clerk. Mid-morning and mid-afternoon are good times to vote if your schedule is tight. These tend to be lower-traffic times at polling places.
5. **Leave your political items at home:** The Government Accountability Board is asking voters not to wear political clothing or paraphernalia to the polling place on Election Day. You may be asked to leave the polling place if the chief election inspector judges that you are electioneering or creating a disturbance.
6. **Get a ballot:** Don’t panic if you registered to vote but your name is not on the list. You can reregister at the polls on Election Day. Get help from a poll worker to make sure you are in the correct polling place.
7. **Poll workers are there to help you:** They’ll show you how to use the voting machine. If you make a mistake in marking your ballot, you may request another ballot (up to 3 total). Read the signs at your polling place, which provide instructions, list your voting rights and explain how to file a complaint.
8. **Assistance and accessibility:** Speaking English is not a requirement to exercise your right to vote. You may have a translator accompany you to the polls. A polling place must be accessible to persons with disabilities. You may request that a ballot be brought to you curbside. Call your municipal clerk for details.
9. **Know what to expect:** There may be election observers at your polling place. Observers help keep our elections open and honest. They are not allowed to interact with voters or disrupt the election process. They are allowed to challenge a person’s eligibility to vote, but only if they can meet specific criteria and limitations. The chief election inspector will explain the challenge process and provide the voter and the challenger with explanatory documents.
10. **Stay and vote:** You probably won’t have to wait very long. But even if the line is long, don’t leave without voting. With the outcome of these elections playing a large role in shaping the political landscape for the next decade, the stakes could not be higher.

Visit [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org) - our nonpartisan, "one-stop-shop" for election-related information. From its national polling place locator to information on voting machines to information on candidates running for office in Wisconsin, [VOTE411.org](http://VOTE411.org) has all the details you need to learn about your ballot and vote on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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